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TOWN OF READFIELD 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



For the year ending June 30, 2017



Dedication

Stefan Pakulski

Readfield's Town Manager from Nov. 2003 to Feb. 2015

Stefan was a native of Wayne and grew up fishing, hunting, sailing, swimming, and biking with his many cousins, siblings, and friends. Although he loved Wayne, he was at home in many places across the world throughout his life. Stefan attended school in Wayne, Winthrop, and Gould Academy, and studied Music at Kenyon College in Ohio. He developed lasting friendships along the way that continued throughout his life. After college, Stefan joined the Peace Corps and lived and worked in a remote mountain village in Fiji. This experience changed his life and gave him a broad view of the world and his place in it. Stefan continued his studies after the Peace Corps at American University in Washington, D.C. where he met his wife, Lynette, a Minnesotan who was also studying International Development. Over the course of his international career, Stefan worked and traveled to many countries in the Middle East, Turkey, Sri Lanka, and countries throughout Southeast Asia and the South Pacific. These were the most valuable years of his career, helping farmers, small businesses and cooperatives and promoting policies that encouraged small business development.

Stefan, Lynette and their two children, Kai and Janika, returned to Maine where Stefan was hired at the Island Institute as the community development director where he worked with the residents of Maine's island communities. He loved spending time playing and going on many adventures with Jani and Kai and also returning to Wayne whenever possible. Becoming the Town Manager of Readfield gave him the opportunity to fulfill his dream of moving back to his childhood home in Wayne where he could be involved with his community; and he did that with a passion. Stefan was involved in many community and school groups and activities. He was a great resource to many people and was always willing to help. He rarely said no to doing someone a favor or going off on an adventure, especially if it involved singing, skiing or sailing. He was a good listener, a faithful friend and loyal companion. He loved spending time with family and would never pass up time with his kids, always the cheerleader or coach of their many activities. Over 600 people gathered to celebrate Stefan's life, a testament to his impact on the lives of so many. He continues to be missed and his love of people and community can still be felt by many in so many ways.

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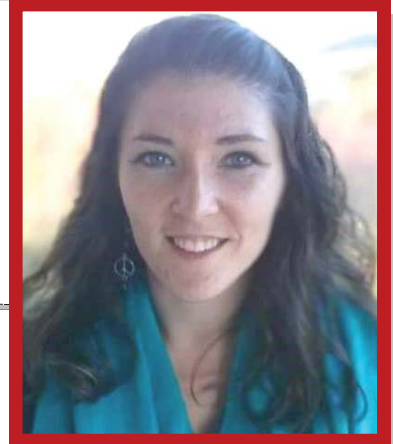
Animal Control-*by Anna Carll, ACO Officer*

Animal Control Officer

Anna Carll (207)622-6404 or

acarll@readfieldmaine.org

If it is an emergency and can't reach Anna
please call the State Police at (207)624-7076.



2017 Animal Control Activities

03-Animal Neglect

06-Barking dogs/nuisance

17-Dogs at large

01-Kennel Inspection

18-Livestock loose

01-Impounded dogs

28-Impounded cats

19-Wildlife concerns

24-Unlicensed dogs

117 Animal Control situations

**Rabies Clinics are held at
the Town Office in October
and January. Dates of the
clinics will be posted on the
Town's website when set.**

Dogs licensed for the following years:

As of 4/30/2018

2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
694	683	593	501	538	538	582

In 2017 it was a busy year for me and the local animals, we had livestock get out a few different times, but between the owners, the help and understanding from the public, and me, the issues were resolved fast and effectively. I have worked with property owners on a few different occasions to resolve cat over population, that were getting bigger by the year, property owners have been very understanding and helpful with these situations. With these efforts, I try to educate the public as much as possible, about overpopulation in the community and the impact that the shelters see, and how it directly can affect these cats.

I have been working closely with the Town Clerk, Robin Lint to keep up to date records and my communication with the public. We appreciate the effort and understanding the community has shown with following Maine State law, and me enforcing the laws.

Robin and I started working together on a fundraiser, for those who could not afford to get their pets Rabies vaccination, the town host 2 rabies clinics a year, October, and January. Robin and I came up with the fund raiser called "Furever Friends"; we had bracelets made with school colors and the catchy phrase, with a \$5 or more donations you will help a local pet receive a rabies vaccination at one of our rabies clinics, and you will receive a bracelet. Thank you to everyone that has helped this fundraiser be a success, since we have started this we have been able to vaccinate 9 animals for rabies!

There are no maybes when it comes to rabies!



Still Available

Assessing-*by David Ledew, Assessing Agent*

After seven years as Readfield's assessing agent, Jackie Robbins was unable to continue her duties for the 2017-18 tax year. Readfield was able to secure the services of Kathleen Malloy, assessor for the Town of Lisbon, to complete the work for the tax year and worked until a new agent could be secured.

It is the assessing agent's job to equitably apply Maine property tax laws to all property in the Town of Readfield on behalf of the Board of Assessors. The agent is responsible for discovering, listing, and valuing all taxable property including both real and personal property. This is accomplished through the maintenance of property records, deed transfers, tax maps and code enforcement records. The agent is responsible for the review and processing of applications for various tax relief programs such as homestead exemption and Tree Growth current use applications. Almost all of the records in the assessing office are available to the public, including the tax commitment book, tax maps, property record cards, and real estate transfer tax Declaration of Value forms.

Municipalities are required to follow state law when administering the property tax. For the 2018-19 tax year, the Homestead Exemption remains at \$20,000, however for the 2018-19 tax year, there are two notable changes affecting property taxes that have come out of Augusta. First, there will be a 25% increase in the amount of reimbursement municipalities will receive from the state for each Homestead Exemption granted. This will amount to an additional \$30,000 to Readfield. The second law change impacts businesses that own personal property and equipment used to provide professional services. Instead of paying the taxes on this equipment, then applying to the state the following year for reimbursement, this equipment now qualifies for an exemption under the **Business Equipment Tax Exemption Program (BETE)**.

Speaking of business equipment, personal property letters have been mailed to business and individuals requesting a complete list of all taxable personal property and a reminder to businesses to file Business Equipment Tax Exemption applications on or before May 1st. Personal property taxes are levied against furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment of business property owners. For individuals, most items of personal property valued less than \$1,000 are exempt. The tax rate is the same rate as applied to taxable real estate.

On the real estate front, sales from the past two years seem to be indicating an increase in both the number of sales and in the average selling price of properties in Readfield. State Valuation figures indicate the valuation of Readfield has declined 8.3% between 2007 and 2016 whereas the county wide change for that same period of time is +2.6% for Kennebec County.

A reminder to all taxpayers, upon receiving your tax bill please review the valuation of your property. If you feel the valuation is excessive you only have 6 months to submit an application for a possible abatement if your valuation is reduced.

A full list of tax relief programs available to businesses and individuals can be found at the following web site: <http://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxrelief/homepage.html>.

Board of Assessors

Parent, John
Price, Dennis
Sammons, Christine

Code Enforcement-*by Gary Quintal, CEO & LPI*

**Code Enforcement Officer, Plumbing Inspector, Building Inspector and Addressing Officer.
Gary Quintal**



Building / construction permits are issued for any work costing \$2,000 or more in material and labor which has a minimum fee of \$25.00. A building permit is required for all structures or additions so property line setbacks follow the Land Use Ordinances (LUO).

All earth moving activities shall meet erosion control standards of the LUO. Timber Harvesting permits are issued by the State and Town harvesting permits are required in special zones.

The State Plumbing Code requires the licensed plumber to apply for their permit. Homeowners doing their own plumbing need a permit which has a minimum fee of \$40.00. Any plumbing that does not meet code will be removed by the installer. Plumbing without a permit will result in a double permit fee.

Entrance / driveway permits need Road Commissioner or State DOT approval prior to any work within a public or private road and/or right of way. A "Dig Safe" inspection is also required to insure no underground utilities will be affected by construction requiring any earth movement.

This year has been good in having homeowners correct any LUO violations. The Town "Courtesy Notice" has been used to inform the land owner of what appears to be a violation, with a 45 day window for corrective actions and/or a response. Any complaints shall be filed with the Town, on a Complaint Form, which is required for any enforcement action that could result in a Court hearing. These documents are placed in the Town Map/Lot file and are retained indefinitely as part of the property's history and open for public inspection. Voluntary compliance has resolved many complaints though out the year. The Code Office along with other Town Officials appreciates the efforts that have been made to bring the properties into compliance. Thank you for your voluntary compliance!

Many new E-911 Addresses have been posted to the E-911 system. Before you buy or sell any portion of an existing lot, please inquire as to whether the lot being created is a legally-conforming lot. If you are purchasing a lot, please inquire as to whether the use and/or development of the lot can be approved as required by the LUO. Non-conforming / illegal lots will not be issued a new address or any new permits for development.

Readfield is still growing and it has been a pleasure to serve as the CEO of this Great Town. Please call 685-3290 or through an e-mail with any questions. readfield.ceo@roadrunner.com .



READFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

READFIELD, MAINE 04351

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The Readfield Fire Department responded to 127 calls for assistance from January 01, 2017 thru December 31, 2017.

Readfield Calls for Assistance

Car fire-3
Medical assist-1
Auto accident-24
Chimney Fire-2
Structure Fire-1
Co Alarm-3
False Alarm-13
Brush Fire-2
Wires or Trees in the road-11
Propane problem-0
Other-6

Mutual Aid Calls for Assistance

Includes Structure fires, Chimney fires, Auto accidents, Brush fires, Water rescues
Alarms or Canceled enroute or other calls for assistance-61

Another year has flown by. Other than the wind storm at the end of October, it was an average year for calls. The wind storm was a major event for everyone in the area. Over all CMP did a great job for the town of Readfield getting lines grounded so trees could be removed from the roadways. I know some of us were without power for a few days but at least our roads were passable for the most part.

The new truck has been trouble free and we feel it was a great investment for the town. The truck performs as we had designed it to, often better than we expected.

We are in the middle of another Firefighter 1-2 class. We have 3 Jr firefighters and 4 senior members enrolled in the class of 12. This is the 7th class that Readfield Fire Department has set up in the past 10 or so years to train our members and our neighboring fire departments members to the fire 1-2 standard. The students spend over 220 hours of their time to complete this training above the normal fire department trainings.

Respectively submitted by,
Lee Mank Chief Readfield Fire Department



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READFIELD
GOVERNMENTAL
TELEVISION



Throughout 2017, Readfield's governmental cable television station continued to provide important content to the Town's local access channel. Early in the year Time Warner Cable became Spectrum, and by December, analog channel 7 had been upgraded to digital channel 1301. As a result of switching to a digital signal, viewers may have noted a much improved video quality during live productions in the form of no dimming and minimal drop outs.

The Town is very fortunate to have received donations of retired hardware. This equipment is largely standard definition but is fully functional and cost effective for our needs. Continued donations have allowed expansion of video services beyond cable distribution to include installation of a flat screen monitor in the lobby which duplicates channel 1301's revolving bulletin board. And by the time of this printing, the first-floor meeting room will have become a smart conference room, outfitted with a multi-media cart, monitor, microphones, and remote control cameras.

The smart conference room will enable multiple visual presentation formats including a document camera, computer screen, and web conferencing. Of particular benefit is the capability to record the room directly to computer memory, thus enabling other town boards and committees to self-capture their meetings and make available via YouTube as the Select Board has enjoyed.

Thank you for your continued support. Please report outages immediately to the town office at 207-685-4939.

Bill Starrett, Readfield PEG Television Station Manager

Check out Select Board Meetings
that have been recorded.



Registrar of Voters & Town Clerk-*by Robin Lint*

Readfield residents may register to vote during regular business hours at the Town Office as well as on election days at the polls. Identification and proof of residency are required when registering to vote. The Registrar will need to record your driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social Security number on the back side of your enrollment card.



You may register to vote at the age of 17 and vote in a caucus or primary if you will be 18 by the next Election.

If you have any questions about registering to vote please feel free to give me a call or e-mail me at: 207-685-4939 or readfield.clerk@roadrunner.com.

Polls Open: 8:00 am—8:00 pm unless otherwise stated. Voting is held on the second floor of the Town Office building (Gile Hall).

As of March 1, 2017 the voter enrollments are as follows:
Democrat-693, Green Independent-106, Libertarians-3, Republican-649 and Unenrolled-719
Total enrollment-2170

20 Deaths in 2017

Amentrout, Charles Edwin	11-18-17
Beach, E. Adeline	03-28-17
Blake, Edith Edna	07-02-17
Burgess, Leon Edgar	12-27-17
Gay, Jessie Ellen	10-17-17
Gordon, Robert Francis	12-30-17
Labbe, Peter Alfred	10-14-17
Lovering, Suzanne Marie	11-25-17
Miller, Lynette Cole	09-12-17
Mott, Russell William	05-31-17
Newland, Marion J.	02-20-17
Ortiz, Marilyn Jean	05-24-17
Péladeau, Mildred C.	11-04-17
Pelton, Donald Melvin	04-19-17
Randall, James Allen	09-09-17
Sherwood, Jeremy Steck	10-29-17
Siegler, Lois W.	11-23-17
Stanley, Candace Berthania	11-24-17
Thum, Marion B.	06-14-17
Valentine, Gregory	05-06-17

Decedents were either residents of Readfield or their place of death was Readfield.

23 Births in 2017

14-Augusta, 4-Lewiston, 1-Farmington,
3-Portland & 1-Waterville

17 Marriages in 2017

Escajeda, Karina & Hodgin, Peter	05-30-17
Perkins, Robin & Garini, Richard	07-02-17
DeRocher, Diana & Leimbach, Michael	07-08-17
Olson, Lauren & Crockrell, Jacob	07-28-17
Morrison, Courtney Jo & Lucas Jr., Scott	07-29-17
Weymouth, Brittne & Parsi, Anthony	07-30-17
Bentley, Martha & Varney, Donald	08-05-17
Kimball, Anne & Guptill, Robert	08-09-17
Melgard, Tiffany & Brassard, James	08-11-17
Moskowitz, Anna & Hair, Thomas	08-12-17
Setterlin, Chelsea & Kimes, Hayden	08-18-17
Butterfield, Lindsey & Jenkins, Joshua	08-19-17
Gifford, Jennifer & Green, Daniel	09-03-17
Ofsevit, Leah & Garcynski, Jeremy	09-10-17
Hall, Abby & Weant, Benjamin	09-23-17
Gasbarrone, Megan & Moulton, Christopher	09-30-17
Curtis, Donminique & Taylor III, Robert	10-07-17

Town Manager-*by Eric Dyer, Town Manager*



July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

General:

Fiscal Year 2017 was my first full year at Manager in Readfield. The work and contributions of all of our residents moved our community forward with renewed positive energy. I want to thank you all for developing that energy and momentum, and carrying it on through the coming years.

Finances:

Municipal finances in Fiscal Year 2017 were comparable to prior years, despite an increase in the mil rate from 18.08 to 18.93. The increase was partially due to an increase in the school budget, a reduction in municipal property valuation, and reductions in revenue sharing by the state of Maine. The increase was further exacerbated by a reduction in the mil rate the prior year, from 18.5 to 18.08. No new borrowing took place. The municipal audit is available in hard copy at the Town Office and on the Town of Readfield website for anyone wishing to review municipal finances in greater detail.

A new Treasurer's Report was introduced that provided more of a balance between narrative information and "hard numbers". Narrative information included discussion of trends, observations, and anomalies from the month being reported on. The "hard numbers" represented what I hoped to be key indicators of the financial health of the municipal budget. These included a mix of revenue and expenditure lines, journal activity, account balances, receipting, and in most cases a month to month and year to date comparison with the prior fiscal year.

Roads & Infrastructure:

Fiscal Year 2017 saw the completion of bonded road work that extends back over a decade. The Town of Readfield now has most of its roads in excellent shape. Our surface and base conditions are some of the best in the county. For a more detailed description of the work completed and plans for the future please review the report of the Road Committee, whose members were instrumental in developing and shepherding our road improvement program.

Personnel:

While Anna Carll was technically hired in fiscal Year 2016 by less than a month, she truly began working for the Town in Fiscal Year 2017 and quickly became an invaluable member of the staff. She was hired to fill the multiple roles of part-time maintenance, Cemetery Sexton, and Animal Control Officer among other duties. She was soon appointed as the Safety Officer. Anna replaced Karen Peterson who retired after many years of service to the Town. Karen continues to contribute through her involvement in the Cemetery Committee and work with the Union Meeting House Board of Directors. Thank you to Karen and Anna for their work.

Transfer Station:

Operations at the Transfer Station remained stable and reliable. Following a one year trial, the Town of Fayette formally joined the Towns of Readfield and Wayne in a new interlocal agreement to share the use as well as the operating and capital costs of the Transfer Station. The relationship has been beneficial to all and I look forward to its continued success. No new programs were introduced at the Transfer Station but rules were updated and implemented for the Swap Shop, Brush pile, and Clean Demolition Wood pile.

Age Friendly Community Committee-*by Romaine Turyn, Chair*



In response to Select Board and community interest, the Ad Hoc Age Friendly Committee was established in January 2016 by the Board of Selectmen to explore how the town could improve aging in place in Readfield. In 2017, the Select Board established the Age Friendly Committee as a permanent standing committee of the town.

Five committee members were appointed in 2017. The Committee members reviewed the data generated by the community needs assessment conducted in 2016. Using this data, a report, Aging Well in Readfield, was completed. The report includes both short and long term recommendations and was presented to the Board of Selectmen at a public meeting.

The Age Friendly Committee developed a useful guide of Readfield Resources, designed to be placed on the refrigerator. The guide has important resource information, including the phone numbers of the Town Office, Library, Transfer Station, Post Office and other convenient phone numbers such as the food pantry and other service organizations. The guide was made and continues to be available at the Town Office, the Post Office, and the Library.

A Sand Bucket Program was developed and implemented. It offered the delivery of sand to any resident who expressed a need for one. The buckets were filled and delivered by community volunteers.

Readfield Age Friendly Committee fully participated in Readfield Heritage Days. After a history of the Fairgrounds was given by the Readfield Historical Society, a walk was held at the Fairgrounds to highlight the ADA accessible trails.

During the fall and early winter, the Age Friendly Committee developed a Handy Helper Program, modeled after one in Bowdoinham. The Handy Helper Program provides simple home repair and home maintenance to assist older residents living in their own homes. The program is a collaborative effort of the Age Friendly Committee, the Readfield Masons, and the Readfield Untied Methodist Church Men’s Group. Work is done by volunteers who make it their mission to help people in our community. Handy Helpers are not licensed carpenters, plumbers or electricians. They are homeowners who know how to do simple home maintenance and repairs.

Respectfully submitted,
Romaine Turyn, Chair
Ann Mitchell
John Moran, Resigned December 2017
Marianne Perry
Marjorie Ellis, joined 2017

Age Friendly Com. Members & Terms	
Ellis, Marjorie	06/30/2018
Mitchell, Ann	06/30/2019
Perry, Marianne	06/30/2020
Turyn, Romaine	06/30/2020
1 Vacancy	

Appeals Board-*by Peter Bickerman, Chair*

The Board of Appeals went through a lengthy rule-making process which ended with the adoption of amendments to the Land Use Ordinance in June of 2017. The amendments clarified the Board's jurisdiction and set written standards for the appeal hearing process.

The Board has not heard any appeals for several years.

Appeals Board

Bickerman, Peter	06/30/2019
Blouin, John	06/30/2020
Buuck, Clifford	06/30/2020
Gagne Holmes, William	6/30/2019
Rahmlow, Holly	06/30/2018
Whittemore, Henry	06/30/2018
Zambella, Francis	06/30/2019

Budget Committee-*by Andrews L. Tolman, Chair*

This year's Budget Committee is a diverse and talented group who bring a good variety of skills and opinions to the process. Our most difficult discussions involved selecting a meeting time and day, because all the members have other civic, cultural, and professional activities. By completion of the budget process, we will have met 17 or 18 times to work through the budget and its implications. Our goals are based on last year's, with some significant new additions. The major goal was to minimize the budget's impact on taxpayers, while providing them with the services they want and need. We worked to have the Town spend responsibly, where necessary, and to work creatively to reduce costs.

We have also worked to continue to improve communications with the public and to incorporate their feedback into the budget. We had strong participation from the various board and committees in the presentation and refinement of their budgets, and often had as many audience members as board members at meetings.

With the support of the Town Manager and Finance Director, we focused on capital investment projects, and worked on longer term planning for major expenses and purchases, to reduce tax fluctuations. While long term plans are always subject to revision and refinement, the process does help the Town plan for the future and be ready for upcoming expenses. While our budget process needs to be aware of other requirements, like school and County budgets, we focused on Town expenses and revenues, which are within Readfield's control.

As part of our commitment to transparency, Budget Committee minutes, once approved, are posted on the Town website. Ellen Schneider, the Committee Secretary, has kept excellent minutes on our discussions and decisions, and her minutes are valuable to the Committee, the Selectboard, and the public in understanding the budget preparation process. Peter Davis, Vice Chair, Marty Hanish, and Val Pomerleau have all provided insights into the budget and made both the process and the resultant budget a more responsible and responsive document. We appreciate the hard work and commitment of Town staff, Board and Committee members and citizens in developing this budget.

Andy Tolman, Chair.

Budget Committee Members & Terms

Davis, Peter	06/30/2019
Hanish, Martin	06/30/2020
Pomerleau, Valarie	06/30/2018
Schneider, Ellen Jane	06/30/2020
Tolman, Andrews (Chair)	06/30/2019

Cemetery Committee & Sexton-*by Anna Carll, Sexton*

There are seven cemeteries that the Town of Readfield is responsible for maintaining and 2017 has been a very busy year!

In the 2017 year there have been sixteen burials 11 cremations, and 5 full burials.

The Sexton led 2 workshops training volunteers in the community on how to clean and repair our many historic cemetery stones. We have had about 30 volunteers that helped clean and maintain about 40 stones. Additional equipment has been purchased so we may do further repairs and restorations.

Extensive tree maintenance and removal has been completed in the Whittier, East Readfield, Readfield Corner and Dudley Plains Cemeteries. At Dudley Plains there were three large trees removed, this allowed more sun to come in and brighten up the cemetery which allowed us to see the damage done to the white picket fence and the cemetery sign. The sign was taken to a local sign shop for relettering. In order to prevent further damage to the fence and sign, "whips" are now placed to alert snow plow drivers.

The Sexton also worked with volunteers to complete a beautiful garden space at the Readfield Corner Cemetery. A stone wall was built, loam and compost added, perennials planted and a lot of volunteer time was put in to watering the garden through our very hot summer and fall seasons. Additionally, a generous anonymous donor purchased a beautiful granite bench which allows visitors to sit and reflect in this peaceful garden space. Thank you Marianne Perry, Brenda Lake, and John Moran for leading the way to the completion of this project!

The United Methodist Church reached out to inform the Town of Readfield that \$5,000 was available and dedicated for the East Readfield Cemetery from the Emma Hunt Fife Memorial Trust Fund. This money was used to fix 34 stones, trim 3 small over grown trees and landscaping was done along the edge of Route 17.

The Town of Readfield's Cemetery Sexton along with the Cemetery Committee members takes great pride in keeping Readfield's cemeteries beautiful!

Thank you

Anna Carll, Sexton

Cemetery Board Members & Terms

Adelson, Lydia	06/30/2018
Doten, Debora	06/30/2018
Keene, Grace (Vice-Chair)	06/30/2018
Lake, Brenda	06/30/2020
Osborn, Pamela	06/30/2019
Perry, Marianne	06/30/2018
Peterson, Karen	06/30/2020
Rourke, Sandra	06/30/2019
Tolman, Andrews (Chair)	06/30/2018



Conservation Commission-*by Bruce Hunter, Chair*

The Readfield Conservation Commission (RCC) oversees town-owned open space lands, provides conservation information and works with landowners, agencies and organizations to encourage exemplary stewardship of natural resources. We cooperate with the Select board and other boards and committees. There is a close working relationship with the Readfield Trails Committee which builds some of their trails on town properties, most notably the trails built at the Old Fairgrounds property. We appreciate the help of those who have worked on projects in the past year including Kennebec Land Trust stewards, members of the Readfield Trails Committee and others who have helped work on Readfield conservation properties. This year we welcomed Greg Leimbach to the Commission. We thank Beth Pritchard for her service as she has decided to leave.

We meet in the Town Office at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of every month. The meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome. We hope all the residents of Readfield will get out to enjoy the trails on town properties to see the natural beauty we have in our town. Maps are available in the town office that show the location of all the trails.

2017-2018 Accomplishments

Trail Infrastructure Replacement

As described in our last annual report, preparation continued for this major project. Two footbridges, an observation platform, and about 425 feet of bog-bridging will be replaced at the Torsey Pond Nature Preserve. One large footbridge will be replaced at the Fogg Farm Conservation Area. Readfield Conservation Commission was awarded \$30,517 in a grant from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), which will cover most of this work, plus expansion of the Fairgrounds parking area and re-routing of the trail around the parking area. Matching funding will come from Readfield Conservation Lands Account. Next steps will be drawing up proposals and seeking contractor bids. We hope work can begin by fall of 2018.

Old Fairgrounds

We are supporting the expansion of the Fairgrounds parking lot to better serve activities at the Keene field, and we appreciate all the work of the Trails Committee and Recreation Association in improving the Fairgrounds for public enjoyment.

We have discussed with the Cemetery Committee how best to use the old pulling stones left over from the time of the Readfield Fairs. We have a volunteer who will build a small trail loop allowing walkers to better see these relics of town history. In the fall of 2017, volunteers removed timber and other debris where the old bleachers had collapsed in the wooded area near the pulling stones.

Factory Square/Mill Stream Dam area

Members of the RCC serve on the ad hoc committee which is overseeing improvements in this historic and scenic corner of town. Bob and Helen Bittar, owners of the adjacent property, have granted easements allowing access to the dam and a trail on their property. A group of fifteen (15) volunteers have cleared vegetation and stabilized stone work in preparation for work on the old dam structure which will allow safe public access and views of the area. (The dam which washed out in 1987, will not be replaced.) A pleasant trail overlooking the now-marshland of the former mill pond has been built.

Town Farm and Forest

Replacement of the oldest Town Forest footbridge: We are now planning to acquire and transport building materials to the site this spring. Kennebec Land Trust staff and volunteers plan to build the bridge during the summer of 2018. We appreciate the help of the Land Trust on this property and others. Town and Land Trust properties offer open space with great recreational and natural resource value.

Conservation Commission	Terms
Bley, Jerry	06/30/2018
Durgin, P. Greg	06/30/2019
Hanish, Martin	06/30/2019
Hunter, Bruce	06/30/2019
Leimbach, Greg	06/30/2020
Mohlar, Robert	06/30/2018
Sniffen, E. Timothy (Alt.)	06/30/2018
West, Brent	06/30/2020
1 Alt. & 1 Assoc. Vacancies	

2017 Heritage Days Committee

Heritage Days was held the evening of August 11th and Saturday the 12th of 2017. The 2017 Heritage Days Committee was comprised of 4 members appointed by the Select Board with 4 faithful volunteers from Trails, Union Meeting House and the Recreation Committee. The 2017's Heritage Days would not have been as successful without the use of the Town's office staff when it came to event planning, town contacts, developing creative printed materials which all made the Committee's work efficient and professional.



Heritage Days was considered to be a success for many who had events, especially since this was a first for many including the Mason's, Blizzard Buster's, the Art Walk and the Heritage Days Committee itself. The Golden Guys and Gals were pleased with their sales, The Readfield Historical Society had a large turnout for the Wine and Cheese Social. The Union Meeting House reports good attendance at its demos and good sales for the quilt raffle and yard sale.

Often we hear the quote "It takes a village to...." accomplish a task. The 2017 Heritage Days took an entire town to assure its success. The generosity of local business owners, residents, the dedicated volunteers, Town staff along with Readfield's vibrant Community Partners made the 2017 Heritage Days a fun and memorable event for all who attended.

As we look into the future towards the 2019 Heritage Days we are looking for volunteers to serve on the committee as well as volunteers to help set-up, break down, as well as run and organize some of the events. The Committee would like to add more events that would last the entire weekend so if you are interested in becoming a committee member or would like to volunteer in any way check out the Town's website at readfieldmaine.org for an application or stop by the Town office and pick up an application.



Heritage Days, as a rule, is the second week of August which means a tentative date for the 2019 Heritage Days will be the weekend of August 9, 10th & 11th of 2019. If you have any ideas or request that you would like to see during Heritage Days please let us know.

Heritage Days Committee

Val Pomerleau, Chair
Deb Doten
Greg Durgin
Bob Harris
Jeannie Harris

Library Board of Trustees-*by Deborah Peale, Chair*

The Trustees of the Readfield Community Library are pleased to provide this summary of activities and operations.

The Library said goodbye to Librarian Nancy O'Toole Meservier in November of 2107. Nancy ably led the library for just over 7 years. We welcomed Maureen Kinder, a Readfield resident, as our new Librarian in late December. The Board would like to thank the dedicated volunteers who continue to serve the library year after year. Volunteers are vital to keeping the Library running smoothly. New volunteers are always welcome.

The Library has 881 Library card holders. We circulated 12,510 items. Along with the usual Library items residents borrowed snow shoes, puzzles, and a Maine State Park Pass donated by a Readfield resident. The Library also offers free delivery of books and other materials to older homebound or temporarily disabled Readfield Residents. Call the Librarian to arrange delivery.

Regular programs throughout the year included:

A cribbage social held at Giles Hall. We continued the fun at the Library by hosting cribbage for experienced players, beginners, or those looking to learn on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 2:30 and the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30.

A Maine Humanities Council book group met once a month for 4 months, March through June.

The summer reading program, "Build a Better World", ended with "Live Animals" presented by the Che-wonki Foundation.

The annual August book sale fundraiser held at the Readfield Fire Department. The Trustees are grateful for the donations of hundreds of books by our generous patrons and also to the Fire Department for accommodating this sale.

Halloween brought many costumed children and parents to the Library. Trick or Treaters guessed the weight of the pumpkin, received a treat, or took home a good book or movie.

The Holiday Tree Lighting gathered an enthusiastic crowd on the Library front lawn. A group of middle school singers under the direction of Adam Scarpone filled the air with song and cheer.

Special programs this year included:

Local poet, Brent Northup, RCL table at the Elementary School Literacy program, author and local historian Dale Potter Clark, and Readfield residents discussing the dos and don'ts of raising backyard chickens.

The Library has an active online presence, an attractive and easy to navigate website (<http://readfieldlibrary.wordpress.com>), along with a Readfield Community Library Facebook page. Check these sites for scheduled events, the latest additions to the Library collection, weather related closings etc. Give the Librarian your e-mail address and you will get updates on Library happenings once or twice a month.

In addition to our website and Facebook page, explore Cloud Library (download app) where Library card holders can borrow e-books and e-audio books for free.

I believe there is something of interest for everyone at the Readfield Community Library. Come sign up for your free Library card and start borrowing today.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Peale

Chair, Readfield Library Board of Trustees

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Library Board of Trustees & Terms

Clark, Sonya	06/30/2020
Lake, Brenda	06/30/2020
Mitchell, Pam	06/30/2020
Monsulick, Beverly	06/30/2018
Peale, Deborah (Chair)	06/30/2018
Peterson, Elisabeth	06/30/2019
Tarback, Janet	06/30/2018
Witherill, Donna	06/30/2019
1-vacancy	

Planning Board-*by Paula Clark, Chair*

The Planning Board is a 10 member body (7 full members and 3 alternates). Members are appointed by the Select Board and serve staggered terms of office which vary in length. The Board is responsible for reviewing and making decisions on all land use, construction, and development applications requiring Planning Board approval under the provisions of Readfield's Land Use Ordinance ("LUO"). The LUO provides that the "purposes of development review are to: provide a level of municipal review that would not otherwise occur for projects that could adversely impact the surrounding community as a whole; maintain and protect the Town's rural character and natural resources, including scenic and historic resources, by requiring that structures, signs and other alterations on, or to the land, are sited and developed in accordance with certain standards; and, promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the Townspeople, and provide permanent records of conditions that run with ownership of property."

The Board considered and made decisions on a variety of site review applications and issues during FY 2017. Several applications were decided by the Board for the modification of seasonal dwellings in the shoreland zone resulting in the addition of new features to existing structures (e.g. deck). Review of these types of proposals is sometimes complex because of the need to ensure lake water quality protection and conformity with applicable LUO standards, such as setback requirements, and the Board often conducts site visits as part of the review process.

Several applications were considered that involved local businesses: construction and operation of a warehouse, storage and repair facility for a vehicle fleet based business; construction and operation of a residential health care facility; and, change of use of an existing commercial structure for business/professional use. The Board also considered, in conjunction with the CEO, licensing and compliance issues related to an ongoing home occupation activity. A modification to an existing subdivision was also approved, resulting in the creation of a new lot.

Finally, the Board prepared a package of changes to the LUO which was adopted by the Town in June 2017. These revisions: included new definitions for the terms "light industry", "heavy industry", and "agricultural light industry"; updated the site review standard related to storm-water management; and, made the LUO consistent with the adoption of a separate Board of Appeals Ordinance.

As always, the Planning Board would like to thank Readfield residents and others who have participated in meetings, hearings, and site visits, commented on LUO revision proposals, and contributed in other ways to help guide Readfield's land use, growth and development in a manner that is reflective of our town's needs and interests. Your participation is important and is always welcomed and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula M. Clark, Chair

Planning Board Members	Terms
Buck, William	06/30/2018
Clark, Paula (Chair)	06/30/2018
Comart, Jack	06/30/2020
Hyland, Jay	06/30/2020
Schmidt, James	06/30/2018
Tolman, Andrews	06/30/2018
Witherill, Don	06/30/2021
3- Alt. Vacancies	

Recreation Association-*by Hannah Flannery, Chair*

We are sad to say good bye to Thomas Donegan, a respected and well liked member of our Recreation Committee. Tom has resigned his position on the Recreation Committee and as the Beach organizer. Tom has served as our Treasurer on the Recreation Committee. Tom does so much to be sure things are done right. He has built picnic tables at the beach, painted them and the shelters and benches. He built horseshoe pits and fixed the grills. He has tirelessly worked to be sure the geese are not a pest. Our Readfield Beach is nicer than some state parks you might visit and that is all thanks to Tom! He has also helped to keep us all fiscally responsible as we run the sports programs. We appreciate all you have done for us these years Tom and will miss you tremendously.

A storage shed was completed at the baseball field with the hard work of Jeremy Greenman, one of our newest members to the board. Rough cut wood was donated by David Linton. This is a project that had much discussion and is finally complete!!

A field dedication was held in conjunction with Volunteer Appreciation Day. Our baseball facility on Church Road is now named Keene Memorial Field to honor the major donor who helped the field come to fruition. Others who helped develop the field are also named on the plaque. See it when you walk the path to the ball field or go out on the trails.

Our Beach season was a success. We welcomed town residents and out of town folks as well. Tom Donegan did a remarkable job keeping the geese away. We did not have to close the beach for even a day due to poor water quality. We are looking to restart swimming lessons this season. If you know anyone qualified to run a program of that nature, please send them our way. Beach passes will once again be for sale at the town office or you can get a day pass right at the beach. The facility is also open to rent for your group or event. The application for this is on the town website. We look forward to seeing you this season!

We participated in Readfield Heritage Days with a bounce house and face painting at the beach area. We also sponsored a kid vs. parents ball game at the Keene Memorial field. We look forward to having more games and fun for all at the next Heritage Days.

We also had a successful Halloween Party and Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to all who attend those events to help us continue the yearly traditions!

We gathered "on the hill" for a Winter Fun day of sliding and snowmobile rides back to the top! Thanks to the Readfield Blizzard busters for sending over 2 members to provide the rides back to the top! Cocoa and cookies were provided as well.

We sponsor a vibrant programs in soccer, basketball and baseball/softball and t-ball. These programs are for children Pre-K age to 6th grade. We appreciate all the volunteers who coach and help with each and every program. We want to give special mention to Aaron McClure who is a former committee member and now continues to run the 4-6th grade boys basketball. He is helping the boys learn the game and how to have fun all while working as a team! Thank you Aaron for your dedication to our success.

Recreation Assoc. Board of Trustees & Terms	
Clark, Jada	06/30/2018
Flannery, Hannah	06/30/2020
Greenman, Jeremy	06/30/2020
Hreben, Amanda	06/30/2020
Hreben, Mark	06/30/2020
Knight, Carrie	06/30/2019
Poulin, Mandy	06/30/2019
Keegan, Sean	06/30/2018
Woodford, Adam	06/30/2019

Road Committee-*by Michael Laberge*

The Readfield Road Committee takes seriously its mission as the steward of the Town's roads, striving to recommend cost-effective projects that protect taxpayer investments in some of our most important assets. In 2017, the Town resurfaced Adell Road, Harmony Hills Road, Lakeview Drive, Memorial Drive, P. Ridge Road, Russell Street and a portion of Thunder Castle Road. The road resurfacings marked one of the highlights of a busy year, during which the Town performed a variety of routine maintenance tasks, including sweeping, crack sealing, striping, grading, shoulder work, brush work and culvert clearing. Public safety also remains a priority for the Road Committee. The Town addressed a safety issue near the intersection of Route 17 and Old Kents Hill Road by taking care of a drainage problem that had caused icing during the winter. The repairs improved safety both for motorists and pedestrians.

The Town also carried out the following other activities:

- Purchase of a WayCount traffic counter / data logger for monitoring traffic patterns and speeds. First deployment was at the Transfer Station to analyze usage patterns.
- Repairs to the box culvert carrying Mill Stream under Old Kents Hill Road, using a "shotcrete" treatment that was quick and cost-effective.
- Planning for town-wide gravel road repairs, including work on the Transfer Station access drive.

Finally, the Town appointed two new members to the Road Committee, Mike Laberge and Brian Tarbuck, and saw longtime member and chair Larry Perkins step down after decades of service. Thank you, Larry, for all that you did to make Readfield a better place!

Road Committee Members

Cote, Roland	06/30/2020
Davis, Peter	06/30/2019
Laberge, Michael	06/30/2020
Riley, Douglas	06/30/2018
Scott, William	06/30/2019

Select Board-*by Bruce Bourgeois, Chair*

Dear Neighbors;

In mid-August 2017, as has been our practice in recent years, your Select Board took part in a public retreat to discuss future goals. Many of our goals are built on foundations laid from recent past retreats. We envisioned that a few of the resulting goals would be accomplished in the forthcoming year and some would be continuing or initial efforts to lay the groundwork for ongoing goal focus in subsequent years.

Ongoing governance goal work includes efforts on governing documents, review of the town's Capital Improvement/Investment Program, and any needed clarifications of the authority of boards, committees and commissions that may occur. We did in one workshop session focus on discussing ordinance initiation and review planning to better organize our own work in this area. In another workshop with the Budget Committee we took time to familiarize ourselves with the Capital Improvement/Investment Program and the town's needs in this area which in many cases tend to be long term in nature.

Non-governance goals included work in several areas. We are continuing to support our local businesses and the new town website offers excellent navigation tools for residents to connect with local business offerings and services. We continue to work on investigating an efficient long-term renewable solar energy investment, installation, and conservation plan for Readfield town energy usage. The Church Street sidewalk has not proceeded to public review at this point as the Maine Department of Transportation did not fund any new projects in the state in the coming year. That process remains on hold for the present. We do continue an ongoing effort to create community activities for children and adults to enjoy and several are in the offing later this year. We are also working with the Town Manager and Solid Waste Committee to support operational refinements to efficiently serve our residents and partner communities of Wayne and Fayette. We have not made progress on cannabis considerations as we continue to monitor what actions the state may be taking that affect municipalities.

Select Board Cont. *-by Bruce Bourgoine, Chair*

One goal, targeted property tax assistance, is being sent to voters in the form of an ordinance. Our desire is to assist appropriately qualified residents who may be fixed income seniors or others who meet income guidelines with assistance. As of this writing a legal review and the finalization of the ordinance along with a public hearing are all steps that are underway.

I would like to thank my fellow Select Board members for their dedication and commitment, the many volunteer residents who get involved and share their expertise with us, our town staff for their hard work to serve the public, and every citizen of Readfield. All of you help to give Readfield a wonderful sense of community.

Kind Regards;
Bruce Bourgoine
Select Board Chair

Select Board Members & Terms

Bourgoine, Bruce	06/30/2018
Parent, John	06/30/2019
Price, Dennis	06/30/2020
Sammons, Christine	06/30/2018
Woodsum, Kathryn Mills	03/30/2019

Solid Waste & Recycling Com. *by Kathryn Mills Woodsum Chair*

Beginning July 1, 2016 the town of Fayette joined our Solid Waste and Recycling facility as a subscriber entity. This was a trial basis for Fayette as they had lost their former provider of these services and were interested in seeing how the fit would be in Readfield. Readfield and our member town, Wayne, welcomed Fayette and looked forward to seeing how adding a third town to the mix would work out. Looking back, over a year later, we can see that the transition went according to plan and operations continued to run smoothly. According to the long-term plan we transitioned to a three-member operation, now operating as the Readfield Transfer Station, with Wayne and Fayette as member towns. Each town pays a share of the expenses and capital improvements according to the State property valuations. This formula has proven to have benefits to each town and is allowing for timely capital improvements to occur.

Operation costs have been relatively stable over the past three years. With an ever-changing world market for recyclables our revenue from or costs for recycling materials is quite variable. Our recycling rate continues to be lower than we desire and the SWRC is always looking for ways to increase this rate through education to the public.

The SWRC has expanded and is now comprised of all three member-towns and the Transfer Station Manager. Each town is represented by their Town Manager, one Select Board member and two other citizens. This committee meets once every three months, rotating meeting location by towns, to review operations, budget, expenses, capital projects and safety reports.

All three member-towns are pleased to be working together for the benefit of each town, and welcome input from the public. Look for updates and articles on the Readfield town website and in the Messenger.

Respectfully submitted by, Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Chair
SWRC

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee

Birtwell, Mark (Wayne)
Chrostowsky, Aaron (Wayne)
Drake, William (Readfield)
Dunham, Thomas (Readfield)
Dyer, Eric (Readfield)
Farnham, Mary (Wayne)
Haines, Stephanie (Wayne)
Woodsum, Kathryn (Readfield)



Trails Committee-*by P. Greg Durgin, Chair*



The Readfield Trails Committee (RTC) will plan and coordinate the development of environmentally acceptable trails within the Town of Readfield. The committee will promote safe, functional, connections between various activity centers of the town and provide linkage, where possible, between recreational trails within the town and adjacent towns.

Adopted 10/07

Revised 4/11

As the above Select Board policy states, The RTC strives to fulfill this mission yearly. This year, under the leadership provided by members Ken Clark and Rob Peale, a new trail was designed and developed starting at the Transfer Station gate and extending over a mile out to an esker with great scenery along the way. The trail was made possible by agreements with local landowners to cross their land. The trail was built by RTC members and community volunteers. New signage was installed this past spring marking the entrance.

The RTC was pleased to welcome three new members since July: Henry Whittemore, Ben McIntosh, and Greg Leimbach. They bring new energy and enthusiasm to an already extremely active group.

Along with building the new esker trail, the RTC has had many other accomplishments. Fall and spring workdays brought over 30 students and staff from both Maranacook Community School and Kents Hill School to work with community volunteers to do trail maintenance at the Readfield Fairgrounds. RTC members, working with Readfield Conservation Commission members and volunteers from Readfield Historical Society, continue their work on the Mill Stream Dam Project that should be completed by this fall. Local contractor Gerard Poulin & Sons donated the use of a vehicle and trailer along with several loads of quality wood chips for this project. Last June on National Trails Day RTC hosted a walk and informational table at the Old Fairgrounds. During Heritage Days, RTC members and volunteers provided water and informational brochures for another trail walk at the fairgrounds in conjunction with the Readfield Historical Society. Later that day, the first (hopefully annual) mountain bike event was held on our trails with age bracket winners receiving donated gift certificates. Throughout the year, our residents and those of neighboring towns use our trails for hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, dog walking, and biking.

The RTC meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30 in the town office and the public is welcomed and encouraged to attend. One current project in the planning stages includes reaching out to residents who might want to work with committee members to establish a new trail in Readfield. On the town's website under the Readfield Trails link, there is a guide for doing just that. We would love to work with any resident on a new trail project.

A second focus of the committee is developing a new updated trail map. With resident Don Rahmlow's help and expertise, it is possible to create a colored map of not only RTC trails, but trails and landmarks from the Readfield Town Forest, Fogg Farm Preserve, Torsey Nature Preserve, Readfield Blizzard Busters snowmobile trails, and possibly Kennebec Land Trust trails located in Readfield that extend to the Readfield Town Forest and Wayne. Creating this map means coordination and cooperation with Readfield Conservation Commission as well as the snowmobile club and Kennebec Land Trust. We look forward to providing a fabulous map showing all these trails to our residents.

One major accomplishment going forward this fiscal year is presenting a trails budget that is lower than the past two years without sacrificing quality enhancements for our trails. We are able to do this by committee members and a hearty group of volunteers providing free labor and, in some cases, donated materials. At the time this report was submitted, volunteers have provided over \$2,100 of labor building and maintaining our network of trails.

Trails Committee Members & Term

Buker, Nancy	06/30/2019
Clark, Kenneth	06/30/2018
Durgin, P. Greg	06/30/2018
Harris, Jeanne	06/30/2018
Harris, Robert	06/30/2019
Leimbach, Greg	06/30/2020
McIntosh, Ben	06/30/2019
Peale, Robert	06/30/2018
Rahmlow, Holly	06/30/2019
Walsh, Becky	06/30/2018
Whittemore, Henry	06/30/2020
3 Vacancies	



KRDA and First Park Report 2017

2017 saw the departure of our executive director, Brad Jackson. The search for his replacement took the better part of three months. With the aid of an outside consultant our nationwide search was finally successful with the hiring of Mr. Jim Dinkle. Mr. Dinkle comes with extensive experience in economic development in places such as Kentucky, Illinois and Arizona. In his first month on the job Jim has already set up individual meetings with site locators and reached out to a number of his contacts in an effort to promote the park. He has also begun meetings with officials from each of the towns in the KRDA to introduce himself and to hopefully provide an insight into his efforts going forward. The general assembly of the KRDA has also authorized the hiring of a part time clerical assistant, Cynthia Cloutier. This was done to bring the office organization up to date as well as to allow the executive officer to concentrate as much of his time as possible on the promotion of the park.

The initial bond indebtedness of the KRDA is due to be satisfied in late 2021. That will result in approximately \$300,000 less in expenditures on an annual basis for the organization. Needless to say that will have a substantial impact on the budgetary configuration of the KRDA. The board is mindful that there is a good deal of dissatisfaction within some of the communities in the progress within FirstPark. With that in mind it is my intention to ask the KRDA board to provide the communities with some projected or possible budgets for the association after the last bond payment is made, thus giving a better perspective from which to make decisions. While this would seem to me to be sound planning it is our ultimate hope that we can achieve further lot sales and thus further employment between now and 2021. As has been our experience however, we have seen that attracting employers to come to Maine has not been easy.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Monsulick, Jr.

First Park Representatives
Stephen Monsulick Jr., resident member
Bruce Bourgoine, SB back-up

Readfield Historical Society

First of all, thank you to all who have supported RHS in 2017. Your encouragement and interest in Readfield's history is what inspires RHS to grow and learn with and for you every day! The 2017-2018 directors include Robert Harris, president; Andy Tolman, VP; Mary Jernigan, Treas.; Dale Potter-Clark, Sec; Doreen Crocker; Nicole Danielson and Jeanne Harris. Evelyn Adell Potter continues as our historian and corresponding secretary. A multitude of volunteers helped keep the RHS archives and museum open during the summer. Interns Madison Taylor and Ashlee Dunn did a fine job of cataloging and photographing our collections.

A generous donation from Christopher Dumaine, in 2017, made it possible for the addition of the "Holly Hock Dumaine Library" at the RHS building. We plan to secure a volunteer with the expertise to help us expand and manage our library collection of local history books and resources. We will be sharing a wish list to that end in the near future.

From Memorial through Labor Day weekends the RHS building was open Thursdays and Saturdays 10am-2pm and by appointment throughout the year. People from out of town regularly utilize our services and 2017 was no exception. In June three generations of the Knightly family came from New Hampshire for a tour we had arranged of the old Maranacook Hotel. Previous generations of the Knightly family owned and operated the hotel for decades. In August two Carr brothers from Cincinnati, Ohio dropped by and were pleased to be directed towards where their forefathers' homes are in East Readfield and Kents Hill.

RHS presented retired 3rd grade teacher Nancy Plourde with a lifetime membership, at the 2017 annual meeting, in honor of the local history module she developed for Readfield 3rd graders nearly two decades ago. The program spans several weeks while students study various old buildings in town; explore and learn the history of an old foundation; tour the Readfield Union Meeting House; visit the Kents Hill Cemetery to discover interesting facts about some people who are buried there. Finally, the students spend a day at RHS where they experience a 19th century classroom. Although Nancy has been retired for several years now, she returns every spring to teach this day in the old-time school room. This program generates enthusiasm among the students every year and plants the seed for future historians no doubt. Well done, Nancy. We are grateful for your continued dedication to this program!

Seven history classes were offered through Maranacook Adult and Community Ed in 2017: 1) The Founders and Evolution of Summer Resorts & Kids Camps on Four Lakes in Central Maine; 2) Was the Underground Railroad REALLY in Readfield?; 3) The Day Readfield Corner Burned; 4) The Rise and Decline of Readfield Depot; 5) Industry in Early Readfield; 6) History of the Currier-Eaton Family and their Home; 7) Kents Hill: From Farmland to Village. More classes such as these will be offered in 2018 and, as in the past few years, registration fees will help towards the creation and installation of historical site markers in Readfield. \$6,000 has been raised towards the \$16,000 goal to date. Donations made to RHS for this project are tax deductible.

In 2017 seven Readfield History Walks were conducted in partnership with the Readfield Trails Committee, bringing the number to forty-five held over the past six years. The highlight of the seven took place on Veterans' Day when more than 100 people gathered at Readfield Corner Cemetery. They first heard stories about some of the Civil War veterans who are buried there. Following that, taps and a volley were conducted by the 3rd Maine Infantry Civil War volunteers whose infantrymen, officers, fifers and drummers then led everyone on a march to the Readfield Town Hall for a special ceremony in honor of all veterans. We plan to offer something similar in 2018.

The RHS 2017 annual report, consisting of 8 pages of updates and photographs, is available. To receive a copy, or to become a member of our organization, contact Bob Harris at 377-2299 or readfieldhistorical@gmail.com. Members receive an RHS newsletter twice a year that is chock full of historical articles and photos. Join us on Facebook for more of the same.



PHOTO CAPTION:

Bob Harris, RHS president, giving some Readfield 3rd graders a tour of the 2nd floor museum at RHS, 759 Main Street, Readfield Depot.



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April 9, 2018

Dear Readfield Residents, Members of the Selectboard, Town Manager, Eric Dyer,

Since 1988, with the support of 1,100 member households and over forty Maine businesses, the Kennebec Land Trust has worked cooperatively with landowners and communities, including the Town of Wayne, to conserve our region's natural assets. KLT holds conservation easements on, accepts gifts of, and purchases significant lands to further the mission of the organization. Over the past thirty years we have conserved seventy properties. We own 37 properties (3,985 acres) and hold 33 conservation easements (2,091 acres), where the land is owned by another entity. This acreage represents approximately 1.5 % of the land in KLT's 21 town, 412,000 acre service area. It is rewarding to know that many Readfield residents and seasonal visitors enjoy our properties, education programs, and 43 miles of trails which provide public access to woodlands, undeveloped lake shorelines, islands, and blueberry fields and year-round outdoor recreation for hiking, fishing and hunting, snowshoeing and snowmobiling.

As land owners in your town, we contribute to Readfield's local tax base since the properties we own are enrolled in the open space tax program.* (In the recent State of the State address Governor LePage made statements to the contrary that were inaccurate.)

KLT is also working with many other conservation partners to build new local sustainable natural resource based economies. With the Maine Forest Service and other conservation partners we have developed two projects – the Kennebec Woodland Partnership and Local Wood Works (LWW) that focus on a regional approach to private and public forestland conservation. These initiatives aim to protect water quality, wildlife habitat, scenic resources, and support our region's wood products, tourism, and recreational economies.

Recently, there has been a great deal of press about the work of Maine's land trusts. As background, in 2017, the Maine Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF Committee) was authorized to "conduct a study of the financial and non-financial aspects of conserved lands owned by nonprofit conservation organizations, including property taxes paid, community benefits realized and value of lands to the State's economy." The ACF Committee's findings are detailed in the February, 2018 report: [Study of Conserved Lands Owned by Nonprofit Organizations](#). All thirteen members of the ACF Committee "recognize that there is need for land trusts as they are providing a service to the people of the State that the government would otherwise have to provide. For these reasons, the ACF Committee finds that land trust organizations provide a great value to the people of Maine."

We welcome this opportunity to communicate with Readfield residents and the Selectboard about our conservation work. I look forward to meeting with you and to answering any questions about KLT's land conservation programs.

We hope that the citizens of Readfield will agree that conserving natural landscapes for wildlife, public recreation, agriculture, and forestry, is important. Thank you very much for your past support.

Sincerely,

Theresa Kerchner Executive Director

Mary Denison, President



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April, 2018

Dear Community Members,

As we reflect on the year to date, and work on the development of the FY19 RSU #38 Budget we celebrate the achievements and successes of our students and our district as a result of the educational and co and extra-curricular offerings that the citizens of the district have provided in previous budgets.

Earlier this year RSU #38 was identified by Niche.com as one of the top ten school districts to live in, in Maine. This rating is based on data from assessment scores, graduation rates, parent and student surveys, and from many data sources. An explanation of this ranking is available on Niche.com.

Another celebration is the continual increase in our graduation rate. The graduation rate for the class of 2017 was 94.74%. This is a tremendous increase from the graduation rate in 2011 of 76.03%, from 80.5% in 2013, 82.11% in 2014, 91.09% in 2015, and was even an increase from last year's graduation rate, 91.96%. A graduation rate of 94.74% is an awesome achievement and is the result of a tremendous amount of work on the part of all the teachers and administrators in our district as we work to continually improve our instruction in order to engage our students.

In addition to district successes we celebrate the many successes of our students this year. For example, members of the RSU #38 Soccer Team were recognized as conference, regional, and state champions. The boys' Nordic Team also earned the state championship. Our girls' Cross Country Team won the conference and regional championships and the sportsmanship banner. The boys' Alpine Team also won the sportsmanship banner.

Four of our students, Tyler Dunn, Gavin Diou-Cass, Robert Allen, and Hannah Woodford qualified for the National Speech and Debate Association National Tournament representing Maine and Maranacook in Fort Lauderdale in June. In addition, both our high school and our middle school plays hosted sold out crowds this year, and our dual enrollment program at Maranacook Community High School is serving a large percentage of our students. Forty percent of our 9th-12th grade students are participating in dual enrollment classes, and 60% of our 11th and 12th grade students are enrolled in these classes. Four of our dual enrollment students are on track to be awarded both their RSU #38 diplomas and their Associates Degree from Thomas College in June.

The college acceptance season has started and we have had 3 students accepted at Bowdoin as well as students accepted at Connecticut College, Dalhousie, Maine Maritime, Roger Williams, Universities of Arizona, Maine, New England, and Northern Florida, and Virginia Tech, to name a few.

The list of district and student successes goes on and on. Many thanks to the citizens of RSU #38 for supporting our students.

On March 16th and 17th over 70 community members, teachers, administrators, RSU #38 School Board members, and students worked together in a Future Search session that will ultimately result in the development of the RSU #38 Strategic Plan. The group examined the historical events and their impact on the district, identified "prouds" and "sorries", and brainstormed guiding beliefs for moving forward. The guiding question for this work was "How will

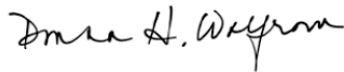
RSU #38 continue to evolve to ensure that our students are prepared to meet the challenges and opportunities of a changing world?" The purpose of the session was not to problem solve, but rather to explore a vision of what we wish to work toward and become in the future. Data from the Future Search event will be examined and categorized. The next step will be to identify several goals on which to focus the strategic plan. I would like to thank all those who participated in this important event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of RSU #38 for their continued support. These efforts have contributed to the growing successes of our students and our district. RSU #38 offers a variety of opportunities for our students from the strong academic program Pre-K through dual enrollment, to the co- and extra-curricular activities available. The district continues to be a model of "a caring school community dedicated to excellence."

Enrollment data for the District – October 1, 2017 (does not include non-resident tuition students)

Town	PreK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
Manchester	23	25	34	23	29	22	23	30	21	34	20	24	29	25	362
Mt. Vernon	10	11	14	19	26	19	19	22	24	18	19	16	13	14	244
Readfield	27	31	28	32	26	34	31	28	31	30	32	28	27	33	418
Wayne	0	10	11	11	10	11	11	14	10	7	9	19	12	11	146
	60	77	87	85	91	86	84	94	86	89	80	87	81	83	1170

Sincerely,



Donna H. Wolfrom
Superintendent of Schools



Local School Board

All three positions vacant this year.

RSU#38 School Board Members

Morrell, Betty	06/30/2019
Roderick, Shawn	06/30/2018
Sneed, Thomas	06/30/2018
Woodford, Adam	06/30/2020

Readfield Blizzard Busters

On behalf of the Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club we would like to thank the community of Readfield for their support over many, many years. It is hard to believe that our club was established on January 28, 1976, over 41 years ago, with a few of the charter members still active volunteers. The club holds several fundraisers; you might have seen some of our volunteers at Readfield Heritage Days or Longfellow's Greenhouses grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, or wrapping holiday purchases at Central Maine Power Sports in Lewiston. The club also participated in Winter Fun days at Maranacook School this past February; our main mission was to transport sledders back up the hill so they could slide down one more fun time. On the business side, Readfield has approximately thirty miles of trails it maintains for the use of residents and visitors alike. We are extremely thankful to Readfield property owners who allow town access for the trails. Trail use is by no means limited to snowmobilers. Often times we meet cross-country skiers, big wheel bikers, dog walkers and hikers. Club members volunteer at least two-hundred and twenty-five hours each year preparing and grooming for zealous outdoor individuals. Working together we will continue to enjoy our beautiful town. Thank-you again.

Marge Livingston, Secretary
Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club



Union Meeting House-*by John Perry, President*

2016-2017 has been a wonderful year for the Readfield Union Meeting House. Here's why:

- Phase 1 of our Floor Timber Replacement Project was completed in the spring of 2017; during this project, the main support for the bell/clock tower was completely removed and replaced while the 60-foot tall tower remained completely upright—all accomplished while the crew was working in the 3-foot crawl space under the floor!
- Phase 2 of this same Floor Timber Replacement Project was 65% complete when the ground froze up in January 2018. As of this writing, we hope to complete Phase 2 in April or May 2018. Phase 2 will complete the replacement of all support timbers, floor joists and support columns and footings.
- Tony Castro & Co. worked throughout 2017 to repair portions of the 1868 plaster and paint on the archway over the apse and in a corner of the south wall. Maranacook students video recorded some of the work. Mr. Castro is an artisan who feels a kinship to Charles Schumacher, the original artist who decorated the walls in "*trompe l'oeil*" style 150 years ago.
- Early in 2018, the accumulation of bat guano in the attic was vacuumed clean. This abatement was the first step toward assessing and repairing weaknesses in the roof support trusses. These trusses also hold up the 3 tons of ceiling plaster, so any sag will be harmful not only to the roof but also the fragile plaster. Work on the trusses will be ongoing through 2018.
- During the past year, many donors have given their time and labor in support of the Meeting House. We are delighted with the response of people from this town and, literally, from all over the country! Restoration of the Meeting House is becoming a real co-operative task; volunteers are happy to pitch in to help with cleanup, with preparation for events and in spreading the word about this gem in the heart of Readfield.
- We received several generous financial donations. A large matching donation allowed us to pay for much of the Floor Timber Replacement, without taking a loan; donations from individuals and from the Town of Readfield helped to convince 3 Foundations to make grants to the Meeting House amounting to \$30,000. A Pledge Drive in 2016 and early 2017 resulted in more than \$65,000 in donations over 3 years.
- We adopted a new Mission Statement: "Restore and maintain the Readfield Union Meeting House for the benefit of the community and to continue its status in the National Register of Historic Places."

The Board of Directors hopes that you visit the Meeting House during one of its events this summer, or on any Saturday morning from June through September. You'll be amazed by the beauty of the interior and the "*trompe l'oeil*" artwork!

Respectfully submitted,

John Perry, President



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PAUL R. LePAGE
GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Readfield:

For the past seven years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine—our people—prosper. Helping you keep more money in your wallet by reducing taxes has been part of that mission.

Too many Maine families are facing skyrocketing property taxes that strain household budgets. Our elderly on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable to these increases. School budgets are often blamed for annual increases in property taxes. But there's another reason. A tremendous amount of land and property value has been taken off the tax rolls, leaving homeowners to pick up the tab.

As of 2016, towns and cities owned land and buildings valued at nearly \$5.5 billion statewide. Large and wealthy non-profits, such as hospitals and colleges, often escape paying property taxes on their vast real estate holdings—totaling more than \$5.1 billion statewide.

In Maine, nearly 2.5 million acres of land have been set aside for conservation by the federal and state governments and non-profit organizations, including land trusts. Municipalities are losing out on property taxes on an estimated \$2 billion in land that has been either removed from the tax rolls or prohibited from development—shifting the cost of municipal services to local homeowners through higher property taxes.


It's time to recognize the results of taking property off the tax rolls and identify solutions to reduce the burden on our homeowners. My administration's proposals have been met with staunch resistance.

In 1993, about 35,800 acres of land were documented as land-trust owned. That number has increased by an astonishing 1,270 percent. Land trusts now control over 490,000 acres with an estimated value of \$403 million. We must restore the balance. We will be working this session to ensure all land owners are contributing to the local tax base. It's time for them to pay their fair share.

I encourage you to ask your local officials how much land in your municipality has been taken off the tax rolls, as well as how much in tax revenue that land would have been contributing today to offset your property taxes.

If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor



Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from this past year.

Maine has the oldest average age in the nation. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities for the Committee are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security. Following the Committee's investigation into skyrocketing prescription drug costs, I authored bipartisan legislation to foster generic competition, which was signed into law. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for seniors to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. To support the 40 million family caregivers in the United States, I am proud to have authored the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to create a coordinated strategy to support family members who make countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones.

The opioid crisis touches families and communities across our state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought for significant increases in funding to support community, law-enforcement, and public health efforts. In April, the State of Maine was awarded over \$2 million to fight this devastating public health crisis. Additionally, I have authored legislation to support grandparents and other extended family members who are raising grandchildren as a result of the nation's opioid epidemic.

Biomedical research has the potential to improve and save lives, and also supports good jobs at research facilities here in Maine. Last year, the Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the third consecutive year. This includes an increase of nearly 30 percent for research on Alzheimer's, our nation's most costly disease. As founder and co-chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I work to raise awareness of the threats posed by diabetes, invest in research, and improve access to treatment options. My bill to establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention was signed into law in 2017.

We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state. I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans' homelessness.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen our national security and preserve great jobs in our state.

As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make "catch-up" contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As of December 2017, I have cast more than 6,500 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Kennebec County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta office at 207-622-8414 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



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January 3, 2018

Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

I continue my work on the Senate Armed Services Committee, each year authorizing the funding required to build our military capabilities and ensuring that our service members are trained and equipped to defend our nation. I was pleased to be part of a bipartisan effort to enact a new law to simplify the appeals review process to reduce the backlog our veterans are facing, as well as a new law that provides critical funding to the VA Choice Program, allowing veterans in rural Maine to access services closer to home.

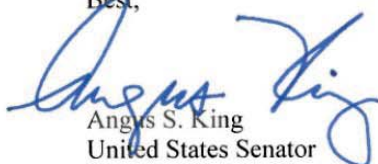
While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pressure the Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce the amount of opioids produced and to thwart the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our country.

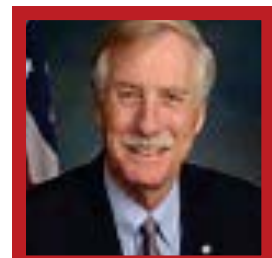
I am very optimistic about the integrated, multiagency effort I led with Senator Collins to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy. Through the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT) we are already experiencing increased federal investments that will strengthen our existing forest products industry and help support job creation in rural communities. Initiatives like Cross Laminated Timber, Combined Heat and Power, nanocellulose, 3D printing with biobased materials and other biobased products will mean that Maine's wood-basket will continue to be a major jobs and economic contributor for our future.

Finally, the coming year will continue the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the ongoing investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. Our Committee has held seven public hearings and numerous classified sessions, reviewed tens of thousands of pages of documents and conducted hundreds of interviews. I remain focused on the security of our elections and committed to developing strategies to prevent interference by foreign governments in our democracy.

May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community and our great State.

Best,


Angus S. King
United States Senator



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CHELLIE PINGREE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
1ST DISTRICT, MAINE

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's a privilege to share an update on my work to represent you and your family in Washington and in Maine.

Even though Washington is so bitterly divided these days, I've continued to look for bipartisan opportunities to address issues important to our state. Nearly all the bills I've introduced this Congress have Republican cosponsors.

One piece of legislation would help protect our state's economy by investing in working waterfronts. Another would allow Mainers to import less expensive prescriptions from Canada. And several bills would help our farmers capitalize on the fastest growing areas of agriculture—local and organic sales—by investing in research, increasing consumer access to healthy food, and improving farmer programs.

I'm happy to report bipartisan victories for our veterans as well. After working for years with Maine's Congressional Delegation, we were finally able to push a much-needed expansion of the Portland VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic through Congress. Legislation I introduced to help veterans who find themselves in debt to the Department of Veterans Affairs unanimously passed the House of Representatives. And full GI Bill benefits were extended to a group of veterans who had been denied them previously—an issue I've introduced legislation to address.

While I strive to find common ground with my colleagues on everything from rural broadband access to economic development, there are many areas where I will not compromise. I have serious concerns about the direction the Trump Administration and its allies in Congress are taking our country. In so many ways, they have abandoned America's leadership in the world, made our country less safe, and are jeopardizing our future. They've weakened our health care system, rigged the tax code against working families, and endangered the environment. With one hand, they are taking away resources our families and communities need. With the other, they are offering generous giveaways to giant corporations and the wealthiest Americans.

Over the last year, I've received an unprecedented amount of feedback on these issues from my constituents. With their concerns and interests in mind, I have fought hard against these policies. I will continue using my role in Congress and the Appropriations Committee to hold the Administration and the President accountable.

Please keep in touch with your views or if there is anything I might be able to help you with. My office assists hundreds of constituents every year who have issues with federal programs or agencies. It's an honor to serve you.



Take care,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress



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Dear Friends and Residents of Readfield,

I hope 2018 finds you doing well. It is an honor to represent you in the State Senate.

Last year the Legislature made progress in providing direct property tax relief to Maine homeowners. I fought tirelessly to increase the Homestead Property Exemption from \$15,000 to \$20,000. In addition to direct property tax relief, we also protected state funding for local services such as fire departments and road maintenance and increased public K-12 education funding by \$162 million over the biennium. I know from many conversations with constituents that property tax relief is a top priority for many people in our area, and I will continue to work towards greater relief.

If you know of a student in grades 3 through 12 who would like to view Maine's legislative process firsthand through the Senate's Honorary Page program, please let me know. Introducing our young people to their state government is one of my greatest privileges as a State Senator.

I would also like to share some information about the state's unclaimed property list. "Unclaimed property" is money owed to Maine people by third parties, such as former employers, banks or utility companies. Organizations are required to give unclaimed property to the State Treasurer after a specified period of time, so that the owner can retrieve it from the state. Visit maine.gov/unclaimed or call 1-888-283-2808 to see if you have anything to claim.

I am always available to listen to your thoughts or concerns. You can reach me at shenna.bellows@legislature.maine.gov or (207) 776-5404. I also send out periodic email updates on what is happening in Augusta, which you can sign up for at www.mainesenate.org.

As your State Senator, I will continue to build coalitions with my Democratic, Republican, and Independent colleagues to move Maine forward. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your State Senator.

Take care,

Shenna Bellows

Shenna Bellows
State Senator



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Dear Neighbors:

It remains the highest honor of my life to serve the good people of Winthrop, Readfield, and a part of North Monmouth at the foot of Mt. Pisgah in the Maine House of Representatives.

As your voice and your vote in Augusta, I will continue to stand up for our personal freedom and individual liberties while creating sound public policy that protects the health and well-being of our citizens, communities, and our precious natural resources.

As a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, I remain committed to ensuring that our veterans are treated fairly, holistically, and have access to the services they need, as well as ensuring that every citizen retains unimpeded access to the ballot box. As a member of the Joint Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation, I will continue to fight to protect liberty and administer justice in the implementation and enforcement of the adult-use marijuana in Maine and make sure that our cottage enterprises have equal access to the new industry as expressed by the will of voters last November. As the House chair of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission, I keep watch over international trade agreements that impact Maine entrepreneurs and enterprises in order to ensure that Maine workers, businesses large and small, and our environment are protected.

This year, the Legislature has already taken up several hundred bills, but we still have a great deal of work to do before we adjourn. We will continue to work on measures to: (i) ensure that every person in our state, but most importantly our children and our seniors, shall be free from hunger; (ii) properly implement the health care expansion overwhelmingly passed by voters at the ballot box; (iii) keep property tax increases under control while adequately funding public education; (iv) support sustainable energy alternatives, including solar and wind where appropriate; (v) invest in crucial infrastructure, including roads, bridges, broadband and food processing infrastructure; (vi) implement the recommendations of the task force on Maine's opioid crisis; (vii) reform our criminal justice system toward more rehabilitation and restorative justice; and many more issues that move Maine forward and make our state live up to its motto of the way life should be.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns or if you need assistance working with state government. I can be reached by email at craig.hickman@legislature.maine.gov, or by phone at 377-3276 or at the State House (1-800-423-2900).

I remain humbled to be your voice and vote in Augusta. I will continue to stand firm in my convictions and do my best to serve you honorably.

Take care of your blessings,

Craig V. Hickman
State Representative

District 81 Monmouth (part), Readfield and Winthrop





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January 5, 2018

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is pleased to make the following report regarding the services we provided to the people of Kennebec County in 2017. These services include the Law Enforcement Division, Corrections' Services, Civil Process, Court and Transport Divisions. We provided many regional assets to our communities including Drug Investigations, K-9, Dive Team, Sex Offender Registry, Veterans Advocacy, and Accident Reconstruction.

In 2017 twenty one Deputy Sheriffs serving in the Law Enforcement Division both in full-time and part-time capacities logged 32,000 calls for service. As a result deputies made 682 arrests, issued 759 traffic summonses, and responded to 628 motor vehicle accidents. Deputy Sheriffs also responded to 407 alarms, 161 domestic disturbances, and assisted other agencies 746 times. Deputies and Detectives made 80 drug seizures, 26 of which were opiate related.

Deputy Nate McNally resigned his position within the patrol division, taking a patrol deputy position with the Androscoggin Sheriff's Office. We wish Nate and his family well at their new agency.

Tad Nelson of Pittston filled the open patrol deputy position vacated by Deputy McNally. Tad was a part-time deputy with our agency and a full-time contract Somerset County Sheriff's Office patrol deputy in the Town of Madison. He will be attending the full-time Maine Criminal Justice Academy in January of 2018. Good to have you on board, Tad.

Our Civil Process deputies serve legal documents on behalf of attorneys, the courts, citizens, local and state government, landlords and other entities. In 2017, the four civil deputies received over 6,500 requests for service in Kennebec County. Some of the services included civil summons & complaints, foreclosures, evictions, small claims, child support notices from the State and enforcement of court orders and writs to name a few.

On December 31, 2017, Laurier "Joe" Brunelle retired after 15 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office Civil Division. His retirement leaves a big gap in all of our lives and hearts. We wish you the best in your retirement, Joe!

The correctional facility supervisory staff took on many changes in 2017. We welcomed back Captain Richard "Rich" Wurpel as the Correctional Administrator. His correctional knowledge and risk management skills will benefit the staff, inmates and Kennebec County residents.

Bryan Slaney was promoted to lieutenant and assumed the position of Assistant Correctional Administrator. Cory Goodchild was promoted to Staff Sergeant, Kurt Karlsson and Ivano Stefanizzi to sergeant. Duane Rood and Valerie Grant were promoted to corporal assuming the duties of evening and midnight correctional supervisors.

During the past year, our Correctional Facility managed 2,955 inmates, 257 less than 2016. The offenses committed by defendants included everything from Burglaries to Homicides. Substance abuse and the proper treatment of citizens with mental illness continue to be two primary concerns at the Correctional Facility. With the help from many members of the Kennebec County delegation, we were able to secure funding for the CARA (Criminogenic Addiction Recovery Academy). We completed 4 CARA program courses helping 32 inmates with the treatment and recovery process.

Inmates at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility are asked to work and earn time off their sentences if applicable. Inmates who are considered to be a risk to the community work inside the facility cleaning and cooking, while others are supervised on outside projects. For every two days worked, one day is reduced from their sentence, resulting in a \$401,213 bed day savings to the citizens of Kennebec County. Throughout 2017, inmates worked 8,642 community service hours, valued at approximately \$77,787. Our inmates raised 31,458 pounds of produce and gleaned 1,335 pounds of produce for the inmate kitchen, area food pantries, churches, homeless shelters, schools and elder programs in 2017.

In 2017 the new T-Unit was completed and we began housing up to 21 inmates in that direct supervision unit. Having this block open for inmate housing has nearly eliminated the need to board prisoners at another facility, saving the taxpayers a substantial amount of money.

We are committed to providing innovative programs to reduce crimes, assist victims, and to provide enhanced public safety. We acknowledge the ever-growing opiate addiction problem nationwide and have committed to partnerships at the Federal, State and Local levels to combat this problem. Our approach is aggressive enforcement, education, treatment and recovery for those afflicted with this horrible addiction.

Another problem facing law enforcement throughout our great nation is distracted driving. Highway fatalities and serious injuries continue to soar as a result of individuals using electronic devices when operating a motor vehicle. Please do not be a statistic or make others a statistic because of carelessness.

As your Sheriff, and moving forward in 2018, my focus will remain on my staff, risk management, and serving my constituents in Kennebec County.


Ken Mason, Sheriff



2016 Real Estate Taxes as of June 30th 2017

All accounts with an (*) before the name have paid their 2016 taxes as of 4-29-18

Balance				Balance			
*PD	Acct	Year	w/ Inter-	*PD	Acct	Year	w/ Inter-
*	11	Alleborn Douglas A	897.28	*	981	Gannett Genie	183.31
*	20	Ames Peter	2,131.24	*	1404	Gannett Genie L Gannett, Hopkins	1,896.15
	1862	Atwood Traci A	1,434.89				
	1013	B&S Construction, Inc.	3,732.99	*	421	Gannett Genie L Quist David J	11,531.11
*	1179	Ballard, Michelle S.	2,403.88	*	321	Gogan Kabary I. Gogan Jessica C.	1,364.64
	1078	Barton Debra L	1,898.06		683	Goodall, Richard E Young Sharon M	1,323.20
	100	Berube Mason Katie L.	1,278.36		463	Goucher Audrey M	1,779.42
	710	Billington Lisa L.	1,550.36		462	Goucher Ted Forest Products Inc	857.52
	687	Boucher, Kevin J. Boucher, Noreen L.	2,928.47		1812	Gowell, Donna	342.63
	257	Brush Catherine	2,201.55	*	276	Guilmet Eric J	1,606.39
*	980	Cahn Russell D Cahn Tracey L	556.86	*	240	Hagelin John D Hagelin Leanne A	4,059.14
*	451	Carpenter(Cerri) Elizabeth	317.12		1593	Harriman David E Dube Karen A	2,423.03
*	173	Carter Vanessa G Carter Ralph N Jr	2,368.14		1421	Harriman David E	3,941.22
*	1520	Chandler, Jr Bruce A Chandler, Antoinia	1,224.77		502	Harriman David E	2,184.52
*	1343	Chick Keith J Chick Laurie L	2,816.78	*	500	Harriman David E Harriman Daniel O	2,873.57
	1327	Choate Richard W	857.52	*	389	Hiendlmayr Mark	790.68
*	773	Clark Robert E Jr Clark Kristie F	4,745.75	*	597	Karsten-Beck Wendy D	3,095.34
	2017	Colpitt Isreal T	681.48	*	978	Karsten-Beck, Wendy D.	683.14
	791	Curtis Matthew J	683.37		2087	Kents Hill Orchards Inc.	1,942.21
	189	Curtis Matthew J	628.47	*	621	Klinoff Helen Klinoff Andrew	2,839.50
*	1601	Davidson Scott Davidson Camille	543.26	*	556	Kutz Barry L Kutz Sandra J	2,692.31
*	1393	Davis Christopher	2,482.83	*	666	Larsen Rickard, heirs & devisees	534.77
	1052	Davis, Lindsay	3,388.46		675	Leighton Brian , Leighton, Shannon	1,755.04
*	221	Derosby Craig A Derosby Tamara J	6,803.09		106	Leighton, Devin R. Leighton, Brandi	2,947.40
*	1800	Douin Jessica	2,489.29		2130	Little Bucket LLC	6,958.66
*	912	Drake Terry	7.14		705	Lucas James	177.93
*	316	Drapeau Dennis R Drapeau Carleen	2.35		712	Lucas Robert L Jr Lucas Michelle	1,069.54
	989	Dubois Duane H	1,183.60	*	1454	Lucas Robert L Sr	37.86
*	330	Dunn Lawrence Dunn Sharon	2,973.90		1889	Lucas Robert L Sr	719.34
*	1870	Dyer Karl Dyer Angela D	2,163.69		1890	Lucas Robert L Sr. Lucas Inez L	2,750.52
*	296	Ehiorobo, Eliot Connor-Ehiorobo, Juanita	583.04		1455	Lucas Scott	1,362.96
	353	Ertha, E Darlene	1,855.14		714	Lucas Scott	882.13
	1037	Evans Tina Z Evans Ronald C	1,510.61	*	2108	Mason Gerald	48.97
*	1492	Feagin James R Feagin Evelyn C	989.09	*	750	Mason Gerald Mason Terri	201.49
*	1501	Fike Brandon E Fike Jessica L	2,585.83	*	902	Mason, Gerald	1,056.77
	2048	Fike Brandon E Fike Jessica L	1,075.22	*	2146	Mason, Kellie	424.33
	379	Fogg Timothy	2,784.60	*	1215	McClure Aaron McClure Sara C	5,044.84
*	380	Folsom Robert E & Elaine B Joint Living Trust Cindy Folsom & Nancy Folsom,	4,525.25		777	McCurdy John L Allison Cynthia L	2,105.01
				*	782	McGeorge, Kevin	32.42
	402	Frazee Richard Jr	855.63	*	1257	McSweeney Michael P	1,295.26
	403	French Lloyd A French Lori A	749.62				
*	1825	Galouch Michael F Cameron Kellie A	1,472.54				

2016 Real Estate Taxes as of June 30th 2017

All accounts with an (*) before the name have paid their 2016 taxes as of 04-29-18

			Balance	Outstanding Personal Property Taxes		
*PD	Acct	Year	w/ Interest	as of 03/07/2017		
*	1122	Menatoma 152 LLC	39.35			
*	550	Menatoma 152 LLC	2.78			
*	814	Miller Archie P Jr Miller Lee Ann	2,313.18			
*	820	Milliken Elizabeth Smart	1,908.14			
	429	Minoty, Dawn Neptune, Edward	680.86			
	830	Mondics Robert B devisees Smith Celia	1,262.63	76	1999 AMES PETER	173.45
*	308	Moskowitz Anna	2,957.44	76	2000 AMES PETER	344.45
*	1094	Mrazik Jeffrey Mrazik Gloria	7,234.20	76	2001 AMES PETER	370.15
	1433	Munson Edward	2,012.25	76	2002 AMES PETER	325.26
	2122	Neptune, Edward	831.02	76	2003 AMES PETER	304.11
	633	Oakes Robert D Oakes Laurie A	647.40	76	2004 AMES PETER	48.56
*	4	OConnor Susan OConnor Richard	2,056.99	76	2005 AMES PETER	42.93
*	1503	Orr Janet	515.21	76	2006 AMES PETER	44.16
*	1017	Ostro, Margaret	2,477.26	76	2007 AMES PETER	52.76
*	412	Palmer Brady R	1,239.91	76	2008 AMES PETER	45.51
	854	Parks Thelma	1,940.32	76	2009 AMES PETER	39.12
	690	Parks, Alfred R.	2,097.44	76	2010 AMES PETER	32.70
*	935	Porcupine Trail LLC	3,119.04	76	2011 AMES PETER	23.65
	1524	Potcher Elaine Lucas	1,336.45	116	2006 BLAKE SUZANNA	66.24
*	2088	Quarry Drive Road Association	54.90	105	2010 CHURCHILL JOHN	4.08
*	991	Readfield Family Market	4,372.83	105	2011 CHURCHILL JOHN	1.97
	521	Rec Nominee Realty Trust	3,885.65	111	2010 CLARK ROBERT E JR&KRISTIE	38.84
*	1007	Regan Eileen Marie	3.24	111	2011 CLARK ROBERT E JR&KRISTIE	37.46
	1011	Rexford Dean , heirs & devisees	174.77			
*	1873	Richards Suzanne	501.64	32	2011 Drake, Terry	542.05
*	1564	Rourke-Parks Nancy	933.24	32	2012 Drake, Terry	427.06
	715	Savage Eric Peaslee Melissa	849.95	32	2013 Drake, Terry	463.95
*	1102	Schneider Thomas J Schneider Gretchen	5.06	32	2014 Drake, Terry	455.50
	1904	Sederlund Elaine H	439.17	32	2015 Drake, Terry	429.28
	1239	Simeoni, James D. Simeoni, Nola M.	314.23	32	2016 Drake, Terry	448.09
	1128	Siracusa Richard Jr	463.78	160	2011 DUBE KAREN	25.62
*	249	Smith Kenneth O	3,570.19	160	2012 DUBE KAREN	25.47
	1220	Sparda, Andrew Sparda, Jennifer	3,560.73	198	2016 FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATION	3.39
*	1757	Spearin Nina A	946.50	178	2016 Grayhawk Leasing LLC	339.78
*	1191	Strong George Alan	2,327.87	159	2015 HUTCHINSON, KRISTINA	114.21
*	1193	Stufflebeam Michael McDonald Deborah	486.50	159	2016 HUTCHINSON, KRISTINA	119.22
	834	Sullivan William	702.49	172	2011 KENTS HILL ORCHARD INC	84.76
*	901	Syntiro	4,984.42	187	2014 Linton, David	313.42
	155	Violette Ronald	4,355.79	187	2015 Linton, David	295.38
*	850	Weibel Frederick J	3,932.99	187	2016 Linton, David	308.32
*	930	Wilbur Dorothy A & Haldon M Hodgson	51.14	139	2005 MARANACOOK MOTORS	448.09
				139	2006 MARANACOOK MOTORS	460.90
*	2032	Wilcox Richard Wilcox Louise	668.22	139	2007 MARANACOOK MOTORS	518.31
*	1568	Willman Jana L Willman Dale R	4,758.78	139	2008 MARANACOOK MOTORS	447.14
*	191	Wood Stephen J	7.26	139	2009 MARANACOOK MOTORS	444.23
Total for 124			231,199.00	139	2010 MARANACOOK MOTORS	331.09
				139	2011 MARANACOOK MOTORS	33.51

Tax Information

Outstanding Personal Property Taxes
as of 03/07/2017 Cont.

Tax Supplementals/Abatements 2016-17

Outstanding Personal Property		Balance Due w/ Interest	Supplementals Issued	
Acct	Year			
180	2012	Miller, Jeffrey	75.87	
180	2013	Miller, Jeffrey	166.00	
180	2014	Miller, Jeffrey	162.98	
93	2013	MORSE PHILIP	40.44	
93	2014	MORSE PHILIP	39.70	
93	2015	MORSE PHILIP	37.41	
93	2016	MORSE PHILIP	39.05	
163	2014	PEPSICO SALES INC	104.46	
163	2015	PEPSICO SALES INC	41.36	
163	2016	PEPSICO SALES INC	43.16	
58	2011	READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	139.95	
58	2012	READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	19.59	
58	2013	READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	21.28	
58	2014	READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	20.90	
58	2015	READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	19.69	
58	2016	READFIELD FAMILY MARKET	20.55	
138	2013	THE PEPSI BOTTLING GROUP	224.00	
106	2014	TOBIE DAVID	39.70	
72	2007	Tripp, Michael S. & Chrystal M.	36.85	
72	2008	Tripp, Michael S. & Chrystal M.	61.58	
113	2005 -1	VIOLETTE RONALD	332.71	
113	2005 -2	VIOLETTE RONALD	23.96	
113	2006	VIOLETTE RONALD	342.22	
113	2007	VIOLETTE RONALD	384.85	
113	2008	VIOLETTE RONALD	332.00	
113	2009	VIOLETTE RONALD	345.30	
113	2010	VIOLETTE RONALD	245.25	
113	2011	VIOLETTE RONALD	33.51	
113	2012	VIOLETTE RONALD	33.31	
25	2012	WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	276.22	
25	2013	WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	257.51	
25	2014	WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	252.82	
25	2015	WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	238.27	
25	2016	WEATHERVANE RESTAURANT	248.71	
Total Balance due ..		13,775.33		
			Supplementals Issued	
			#2159 Mace, Larry & Peter	\$1,195.20
			#1284 Zwetsloot, Mark & Jana	\$3,000.00
			Total Supplementals	\$4,195.20
			Abatements Issued	
			#0339 Ellis, Ira	\$ 272.59
			#1082 Kopyc, Donald devisees	\$ 66.89
			#1111 Pizzolato, Stephen & Melissa	\$ 229.05
			#0025 Dube, Glen	\$ 448.64
			#0654 Bennett, Tracy	\$ 477.04
			#0275 Cote, Dana	\$ 60.57
			#1523 Tims, Jason	\$ 552.75
			#1529 Tims, Jason	\$ 57.22
			#1390 Nored, John	\$ 117.36
			#1326 Martha, John	\$ 276.40
			#0971 Prescott, Melvin	\$ 18.93
			#2022 Bourque, Robert	\$ 373.00
			#1444 Whittington, Susan	\$ 749.70
			#1393 Davis, Christopher	\$ 846.17
			#0901 Syntiro	\$ 4,776.04
			Poverty Abatement	\$ 316.19
			Total Abatements	\$ 9,638.54



April 20, 2018

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We were engaged by the Town of Readfield, Maine and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Readfield, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2017 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budgetary Basis – Budget and Actual – General Fund	Schedule 1
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds	Statement E
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Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule B
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Schedule C

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TOWN OF READFIELD, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Budgetary Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 2,039,808	\$ 2,039,808	\$ 2,039,808	\$ -
Resources (Inflows):				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes	4,496,638	4,496,638	4,534,583	37,945
Excise Taxes	467,500	467,500	517,929	50,429
Interest on Taxes	18,000	18,000	26,486	8,486
Total Taxes	4,982,138	4,982,138	5,078,998	96,860
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Revenue Sharing	110,000	110,000	135,204	25,204
Homestead Exemption	107,970	107,970	94,647	(13,323)
Local Road Assistance	35,000	35,000	35,360	360
Other	25,892	25,892	22,039	(3,853)
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	278,862	278,862	287,250	8,388
Licenses, Permits and Fees	26,150	26,150	37,959	11,809
Charges for Services:				
Library	2,075	2,075	6,017	3,942
Recreation	19,201	19,201	15,525	(3,676)
Regional Assessments	6,435	6,435	8,895	2,460
Transfer Station	183,308	183,308	184,834	1,526
Total Charges for Services	211,019	211,019	215,271	4,252
Investment Income	2,500	2,500	4,929	2,429
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Cable TV Franchise Fees	26,000	26,000	27,480	1,480
First Park	10,000	10,000	11,084	1,084
Cemeteries	-	-	231	231
Protection	5,580	5,580	16,147	10,567
Enterprise Fund	10,000	10,000	5,000	(5,000)
Conservation	-	-	4,059	4,059
Grants / Planning	-	-	2,736	2,736
Age Friendly	-	6,000	6,000	-
Transfers from Other Funds	-	-	-	-
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	51,580	57,580	72,737	15,157
Bond proceeds	364,000	364,000	364,000	-
Amounts Available for Appropriation	7,956,057	7,962,057	8,100,952	138,895

SCHEDULE 1 (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF READFIELD, MAINE

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – BUDGETARY BASIS
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final	Amounts	Positive (Negative)
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
General Government	473,471	473,471	442,218	31,253
Boards and Commissions	5,360	5,360	3,014	2,346
Town Buildings	34,674	34,674	27,658	7,016
Community Services	59,621	65,621	64,325	1,296
Recreation, Parks and Activities	26,668	26,668	16,388	10,280
Protection	137,690	137,690	154,911	(17,221)
Cemeteries	31,906	31,906	30,916	990
Roads and Drainage	630,085	630,085	551,612	78,473
Solid Waste	296,016	296,016	262,936	33,080
Education	3,442,351	3,442,351	3,442,351	-
Regional Assessments	316,346	316,346	306,973	9,373
Unclassified	68,648	68,648	49,413	19,235
Debt Service:				
Principal	313,299	247,776	247,724	52
Interest	33,003	33,003	33,003	-
Capital Outlay	504,131	569,654	459,867	109,787
Transfers to Other Funds	-	-	-	-
Total Charges to Appropriations	<u>6,373,269</u>	<u>6,379,269</u>	<u>6,093,309</u>	<u>285,960</u>
Budgetary Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 1,582,788</u>	<u>\$ 1,582,788</u>	<u>\$ 2,007,643</u>	<u>\$ 424,855</u>
Utilization of Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 230,000	\$ 230,000	\$ -	\$ (230,000)
Utilization of Committed Fund Balance	227,020	227,020	-	(227,020)
	<u>\$ 457,020</u>	<u>\$ 457,020</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (457,020)</u>

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF READFIELD, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,811,696	\$ 70,568	\$ 1,882,264
Investments	-	193,527	193,527
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	329,743	-	329,743
Liens	102,009	-	102,009
Other	8,006	-	8,006
Tax acquired property	4,526	-	4,526
Due from other funds	1,191	6,253	7,444
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,257,171	\$ 270,348	\$ 2,527,519
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 19,819	\$ -	\$ 19,819
Accrued payroll	2,966	-	2,966
Other liabilities	13,104	-	13,104
Due to other funds	6,253	1,191	7,444
Accrued compensated absences	25,248	-	25,248
TOTAL LIABILITIES	67,390	1,191	68,581
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred tax revenues	164,096	-	164,096
Prepaid taxes	18,042	-	18,042
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	182,138	-	182,138
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable: Tax acquired property	4,526	-	4,526
Permanent funds principal	-	127,808	127,808
Restricted	-	136,582	136,582
Committed	731,000	-	731,000
Assigned	125,000	4,767	129,767
Unassigned	1,147,117	-	1,147,117
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	2,007,643	269,157	2,276,800
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,257,171	\$ 270,348	\$ 2,527,519

TOWN OF READFIELD, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 4,561,069	\$ -	\$ 4,561,069
Excise taxes	517,929	-	517,929
Intergovernmental revenues	287,250	-	287,250
Charges for services	253,230	-	253,230
Miscellaneous revenues	77,666	38,431	116,097
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>5,697,144</u>	<u>38,431</u>	<u>5,735,575</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	442,218	-	442,218
Boards and commissions	3,014	-	3,014
Town buildings	27,658	-	27,658
Community services	64,325	-	64,325
Recreation, parks and activities	16,388	-	16,388
Protection	154,911	-	154,911
Cemeteries	30,916	-	30,916
Roads and drainage	551,612	-	551,612
Solid waste	262,936	-	262,936
Education	3,442,351	-	3,442,351
Regional assessments	306,973	-	306,973
Unclassified	49,413	4,957	54,370
Debt service:			
Principal	247,724	-	247,724
Interest	33,003	-	33,003
Capital outlay	459,867	-	459,867
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>6,093,309</u>	<u>4,957</u>	<u>6,098,266</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(396,165)</u>	<u>33,474</u>	<u>(362,691)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Bond proceeds	364,000	-	364,000
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>364,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>364,000</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(32,165)	33,474	1,309
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>2,039,808</u>	<u>235,683</u>	<u>2,275,491</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 2,007,643</u>	<u>\$ 269,157</u>	<u>\$ 2,276,800</u>

TOWN OF READFIELD, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
General Government -					
Administration	\$ 299,202	\$ -	\$ 299,202	\$ 286,304	\$ 12,898
Insurance	38,606	-	38,606	23,401	15,205
Office equipment	3,650	-	3,650	3,224	426
Assessing	22,000	-	22,000	20,503	1,497
Code enforcement	29,472	-	29,472	31,123	(1,651)
Municipal maintenance	72,541	-	72,541	70,278	2,263
Grant writing	6,500	-	6,500	7,385	(885)
Heating assistance	1,500	-	1,500	-	1,500
	<u>473,471</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>473,471</u>	<u>442,218</u>	<u>31,253</u>
Boards and Commissions -					
Appeals Board	410	-	410	422	(12)
Conservation Commission	2,245	-	2,245	930	1,315
Planning Board	2,705	-	2,705	1,662	1,043
	<u>5,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,360</u>	<u>3,014</u>	<u>2,346</u>
Town Buildings -					
Fire station	9,800	-	9,800	10,638	(838)
Gile Hall	18,042	-	18,042	11,928	6,114
Library	5,332	-	5,332	3,627	1,705
Maintenance building	1,500	-	1,500	1,465	35
	<u>34,674</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,674</u>	<u>27,658</u>	<u>7,016</u>
Community Services -					
Animal control	13,905	-	13,905	13,107	798
Kennebec Land Trust	250	-	250	250	-
Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	4,325	-	4,325	4,325	-
Age Friendly	-	6,000	6,000	5,159	841
Library	26,956	-	26,956	29,389	(2,433)
Readfield TV	7,435	-	7,435	6,309	1,126
Street lights	6,500	-	6,500	5,786	714
Maranacook Lake Dam	250	-	250	-	250
	<u>59,621</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>65,621</u>	<u>64,325</u>	<u>1,296</u>
Recreation, Parks and Activities -					
Beach	9,130	-	9,130	7,483	1,647
Recreation	10,071	-	10,071	6,093	3,978
Heritage Days	5,000	-	5,000	103	4,897
Trails	2,467	-	2,467	2,709	(242)
	<u>26,668</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,668</u>	<u>16,388</u>	<u>10,280</u>
Protection -					
Fire department - operations	74,025	-	74,025	62,294	11,731
Fire department - equipment	8,000	-	8,000	14,424	(6,424)
Ambulance	22,300	-	22,300	23,382	(1,082)
Water holes	500	-	500	1,455	(955)
Tower site	2,000	-	2,000	26,036	(24,036)
Dispatching	28,740	-	28,740	25,479	3,261
Annual physicals	125	-	125	-	125
Personal protection gear	2,000	-	2,000	1,841	159
	<u>137,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>137,690</u>	<u>154,911</u>	<u>(17,221)</u>
Cemeteries -					
Cemeteries	31,906	-	31,906	30,916	990
	<u>31,906</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,906</u>	<u>30,916</u>	<u>990</u>
Roads and Drainage -					
Summer roads	331,050	-	331,050	264,486	66,564
Winter maintenance	261,100	-	261,100	250,124	10,976
Vehicle maintenance	31,500	-	31,500	35,431	(3,931)
Interlocal	6,435	-	6,435	1,571	4,864
	<u>630,085</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>630,085</u>	<u>551,612</u>	<u>78,473</u>

TOWN OF READFIELD, MAINE

SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Capital Outlay -					
Ballfield fairgrounds	7,200	-	7,200	-	7,200
Equipment	7,956	-	7,956	4,095	3,861
Transfer station	60,000	-	60,000	6,934	53,066
Maranacook Dam	64,975	-	64,975	19,315	45,660
Fire truck purchase	364,000	65,523	429,523	429,523	-
	<u>504,131</u>	<u>65,523</u>	<u>569,654</u>	<u>459,867</u>	<u>109,787</u>
Solid Waste -					
Transfer station	291,416	-	291,416	256,753	34,663
Backhoe	4,600	-	4,600	6,183	(1,583)
	<u>296,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>296,016</u>	<u>262,936</u>	<u>33,080</u>
Education -					
RSU #38	3,442,351	-	3,442,351	3,442,351	-
	<u>3,442,351</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,442,351</u>	<u>3,442,351</u>	<u>-</u>
	Original Budget	Budget Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Regional Assessments -					
Cobbossee Watershed District	20,816	-	20,816	20,812	4
Kennebec County tax	270,400	-	270,400	261,281	9,119
First Park	25,130	-	25,130	24,880	250
	<u>316,346</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>316,346</u>	<u>306,973</u>	<u>9,373</u>
Debt Service -					
Principal	313,299	(65,523)	247,776	247,724	52
Interest	33,003	-	33,003	33,003	-
	<u>346,302</u>	<u>(65,523)</u>	<u>280,779</u>	<u>280,727</u>	<u>52</u>
Unclassified -					
Abatements/overlay	15,617	-	15,617	41,804	(26,187)
Non-profits	6,832	-	6,832	5,832	1,000
Contingency	25,000	-	25,000	-	25,000
Snowmobiling	1,489	-	1,489	1,489	-
Readfield enterprise fund	10,000	-	10,000	-	10,000
Revaluation	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000
General assistance	4,710	-	4,710	288	4,422
	<u>68,648</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,648</u>	<u>49,413</u>	<u>19,235</u>
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 6,373,269</u>	<u>\$ 6,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,379,269</u>	<u>\$ 6,093,309</u>	<u>\$ 285,960</u>

TOWN OF READFIELD, MAINE

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	Special Revenue Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 70,568	\$ 70,568
Investments	-	193,527	193,527
Due from other funds	4,767	1,486	6,253
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 4,767</u>	<u>\$ 265,581</u>	<u>\$ 270,348</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	-	1,191	1,191
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>1,191</u>	<u>1,191</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable - principal	-	127,808	127,808
Restricted	-	136,582	136,582
Committed	-	-	-
Assigned	4,767	-	4,767
Unassigned	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>4,767</u>	<u>264,390</u>	<u>269,157</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 4,767</u>	<u>\$ 265,581</u>	<u>\$ 270,348</u>

TOWN OF READFIELD, MAINE

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Special Revenue Funds	Permanent Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
REVENUES			
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	\$ -	\$ 30,720	\$ 30,720
Other	-	7,711	7,711
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>-</u>	<u>38,431</u>	<u>38,431</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Investment expenses	-	4,930	4,930
Other	-	27	27
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>4,957</u>	<u>4,957</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>33,474</u>	<u>33,474</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	33,474	33,474
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>4,767</u>	<u>230,916</u>	<u>235,683</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 4,767</u>	<u>\$ 264,390</u>	<u>\$ 269,157</u>

**Annual Town Meeting Warrant/Secret Ballot
Tuesday, June 12, 2018.....Polls open 8am-8pm**

**Annual Town Meeting Warrant
Secret Ballot
Tuesday, June 12, 2018**

To: Anna Carll, resident of the Town of Readfield, in the County of Kennebec, State of Maine
GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Readfield in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 12th day of June, A.D. 2018, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Articles 2 through 41 as set out below, the polling hours therefor to be from 8 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, said articles being the following:

Article 1: Elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

Article 2: Elect two Select Board members for three year terms:

- ☐ Bourgoine, Bruce
- ☐ Sammons, Christine
- ☐ Write in: _____
- ☐ Write in: _____

Elect two RSU #38 School Board member for a three year term:

- ☐ Gordon, Patricia L.
- ☐ Roderick, Shawn
- ☐ Write in: _____
- ☐ Write in: _____

Elect one Local School Committee member for a one year term:

- ☐ Write in: _____

Elect one Local School Committee member for a two year term:

- ☐ Write in: _____

Elect one Local School Committee member for a three year term:

- ☐ Write in: _____

Article 3: Shall the Town of Readfield vote to allow the Select Board to establish **Salaries and or Wages** of town officers and employees, not elsewhere established, for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019?

Annual Town Meeting Warrant/Secret Ballot Cont.

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to fix **September 28, 2018** or thirty days after the taxes are committed, whichever is later, and **February 27, 2019** as the dates upon each of which one-half of the property taxes are due and payable, and as the dates from which interest will be charged on any unpaid taxes at a rate of 8% per year, which is the State rate pursuant to Title 36 MRSA, 505.4?

Article 5: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to **Pay Interest** at a rate of 3% , which is lower than the State Rate of 8% , from the date of overpayment, on any taxes paid and later abated pursuant to Title 36 MRSA, § 506 & 506A?

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, **If an Article Fails**, to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each operational budget category that the town is legally obligated to pay, of the last year's approved budgeted amount during the period July 1, 2018 to October 1, 2018?

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$481,206** for the **General Government for Administration, Insurance, Office Equipment, Assessing, CEO/LPI/BI, Grant Writing, Heating Assistance and Attorney Fees** budget category for the following budget lines with **Grant Writing, Heating Assistance and Attorney Fees** unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Municipal Administration	\$262,035
Insurance	\$134,500
Office Equipment	\$ 6,400
Assessing	\$ 22,556
CEO/LPI/BI	\$ 37,215
Grant Writing/Planning Ser.	\$ 2,000
Heating Assistance	\$ 1,500
Attorney Fees	\$ 15,000

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$127,415** for the **Municipal Maintenance** budget category?

General Maintenance	\$ 87,895
Building Maintenance	\$ 29,520
Vehicles Maintenance	\$ 10,000

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$42,112** for the **Boards and Commissions** budget category for the following budget lines, with unexpended balance of the Conservation budget line carried forward?

Appeals Board	\$ 100
Conservation Commission	\$ 40,208
Planning Board	\$ 1,804

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Annual Town Meeting Warrant/Secret Ballot Cont.

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$55,961** for the **Community Services** budget category for the following budget lines, with the unexpended balance of the Library budget line carried forward?

Animal Control	\$ 11,595
Kennebec Land Trust	\$ 250
KVCOG	\$ 4,325
Age Friendly Initiatives	\$ 1,750
Library Services	\$ 26,455
Readfield TV	\$ 5,386
Street Lights	\$ 6,200

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$38,708** for the **Recreation, Parks and Activities** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Beach	\$ 9,660
Recreation	\$ 11,560
Heritage Days	\$ 5,000
Town Properties	\$ 2,680
Trails	\$ 1,808
Millstream Dam Project	\$ 8,000

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$132,725** for the **Protection Department** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balances to carry forward with the exception of the Ambulance Service, Dispatching and Emergency Operations Plan lines?

Operations Fire Department	\$ 65,600
Fire Dept. Equipment	\$ 8,000
Ambulance Service	\$ 25,400
Waterholes	\$ 500
Tower Sites	\$ 2,400
Dispatching	\$ 28,625
Personal Protective Gear Replacement	\$ 2,000
Emergency Operations	\$ 200

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$16,500** for the **Cemetery Materials & Services** budget category, with any unexpended balances to carry forward?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$407,930** for the **Roads & Drainage** budget category for the following budget lines with any unexpended balance to be carried forward for the Summer Roads budget?

Summer Road Maintenance	\$ 147,330
Winter Road Maintenance	\$ 260,600

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Annual Town Meeting Warrant/Secret Ballot Cont.

Article 15: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow up to \$177,000 on such terms as it deems appropriate, with the proceeds to be appropriated to perform capital repairs to the Maranacook Outlet Dam?

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT (30-A MRSA § 5404(1-A & 5772(2-A)) *Town of Readfield*

Town Indebtedness

A. Bonds – Principal outstanding and unpaid :	\$720,895.00
B. Bonds – Interest outstanding and unpaid:	\$ 34,399.38
C. Bonds – Authorized and unissued:	\$ 0.00
D. Bonds – To be issued if Article 15 is approved:	\$177,000.00

Costs- Warrant Article 15 (Maranacook Dam Outlet Dam)

At an estimated interest rate of three percent (3%) for a term of ten (10) years, the estimated cost of this bond/note/loan will be:

A. Principal	\$177,000.00
B. Interest	\$ 29,189.90
C. Total New Debt	\$206,189.90

Validity- The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service or the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Debt Limit- In accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. §5701 & §5702, a municipality may not borrow funds if the borrowing would cause the municipality to exceed its debt limit.

2018 State Valuation	\$259,450,000
Limit Factor	x 7.5%
Debt Limit	\$ 19,458,750

Prepared By: Eric W. Dyer, Treasurer, March 15, 2018

Article 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$274,614** for the **Capital Improvements** budget category for the following budget lines with all accounts to be carried forward?

Admin Technology	\$ 6,000
Library Building	\$ 5,000
Cemetery	\$ 5,000
Roads	\$ 50,000
Equipment	\$ 15,000
Equipment Leases	\$ 19,000
Transfer Station	\$ 51,614
Maranacook Lake Dam	\$ 123,000

Select Board recommends: Yes

Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Annual Town Meeting Warrant/Secret Ballot Cont.

Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$303,686** for the **Solid Waste Department** budget category with all accounts to be carried forward?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$48,000** for the **Regional Assessments** budget category for the following budget lines which the town is legally bound to pay?

Cobbossee Watershed	\$ 23,500
First Park	\$ 24,500

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$270,000** for the **Kennebec County Tax** budget category which the town is legally bound to pay?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$327,956** for the **Debt Service** budget category for the following budget lines which the town are legally bound to pay?

2016 Fire Truck Bond	\$ 56,238
2018 Maranacook Lake Dam Bond	\$ 6,000
2013 Road & Bridge Bond	\$109,118
2008 Road & Bridge Bond	\$156,600

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 21: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$50,000** for **Local Tax Relief** budget category, with any unexpended balances to be carried forward?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,000** for the **Kennebec Behavioral Health**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 23: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,376** for the **Central Maine Agency on Aging/Cohen Center/Senior Spectrum**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$1,000** for the **Family Violence Agency**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Annual Town Meeting Warrant/Secret Ballot Cont.

Article 25: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$2,250** for the Courtesy Boat Inspection Program to the **Maranacook Lake Association** for **\$1,500** and the **Torsey Pond Association** for **\$750** on Maranacook Lake and Torsey Pond?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 26: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$910** for the **Sexual Assault Agency**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 27: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$2,500** for the **30 Mile River Association**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 28: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the requested amount of **\$5,000** for continued restoration of the **Readfield Union Meeting House**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 29: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the amount equal to that paid to the Town by the State (based on snowmobile registrations) for the **Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club** to be used for trail creation, maintenance and grooming?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 30: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$40,000** for the **Unclassified** budget category for the following budget lines with Readfield Enterprise Fund and Revaluation unexpended balance to carry forward?

Readfield Enterprise Fund	\$10,000
Real Estate Property Revaluation	\$10,000
Overdraft	\$ 5,000
Abatements	\$15,000

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 31: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$4,500** for the **General Assistance** budget category?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 32: Shall the Town vote to authorize **Expenditure of Revenues** from Federal, State, and private grant sources for those purposes for which the grant is intended?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Annual Town Meeting Warrant/Secret Ballot Cont.

Article 33: Shall the Town vote to accept the following **Estimated Revenues** to reduce the 2018 Tax Commitment?

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 135,000	Conservation Grant	\$ 30,517
Interest on Property Taxes	\$ 25,000	Dog License Fees	\$ 3,000
Interest on Investments	\$ 5,000	Age Friendly	\$ 1,000
Veterans Exemption	\$ 4,000	Library Revenue	\$ 3,925
Homestead Exempt. Reimbursement	\$ 182,343	Cable Television Fees	\$ 27,000
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$ 9,000	Beach Income	\$ 9,660
BETE Reimbursement	\$ 8,468	Recreation Income	\$ 9,710
Boat Excise Taxes	\$ 8,000	Millstream Dam/Factory Sq	\$ 8,000
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	\$ 500,000	Protection	\$ 2,600
Agent Fees	\$ 10,000	Local Roads	\$ 35,000
Newsletter	\$ 100	Transfer Station Capital	\$ 9,022
Business License Fees	\$ 50	Maranacook Lake Dam	\$ 177,000
Certified Copy Fees	\$ 1,400	Transfer Station	\$ 193,829
Other Income	\$ 2,000	First Park	\$ 10,000
Heating	\$ 1,500	Snowmobile (State reimb.)	\$ 1,377
Plumbing fees	\$ 5,000	General Assistance (State reimb.)	\$ 2,250
Land Use Permit Fees	\$ 6,000	Total	\$1,426,751

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 34: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Designated Funds** to reduce the 2018 Tax Commitment?

Admin Technology	\$ 3,729	Recreation	\$ 1,850
Age Friendly	\$ 750	Readfield Enterprise Fund	\$ 10,000
Conservation	\$ 9,644	Road Bond	\$ 5,830
Heating Fund	\$ 1,500	Roads	\$ 35,000
Maranacook Dam Capital	\$123,000	Transfer Station Capital	\$ 36,000
		Total	\$227,303

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 35: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to expend up to **Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** (General Fund), in the aggregate for one or more purposes as necessary to meet contingencies that may occur during the ensuing fiscal year?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 36: Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$128,000** from the **Unassigned Fund Balance** to **reduce the total tax commitment**?

Select Board recommends: Yes Budget Committee recommends: Yes

Article 37: Shall an ordinance entitled the **Property Tax Assistance Program Ordinance** be enacted? A copy of said Ordinance is attached to the posted Warrant and incorporated by reference.

Article 38: Shall an ordinance entitled 2018 Amendments to the Town of Readfield **Land Use Ordinance**, be enacted? A copy of said Ordinance is attached to the posted Warrant and incorporated by reference.

Article 39: Shall an ordinance entitled 2018 Amendments to the Town of Readfield **Animal Control Ordinance** be enacted? A copy of said Ordinance is attached to the posted Warrant and incorporated by reference.

Article 40: Shall an ordinance entitled the **Cemetery Ordinance** be enacted? A copy of said Ordinance is attached to the posted Warrant and incorporated by reference.

Article 41: Should the Town continue to use the **Secret Ballot** process for the 2019 Annual Town Meeting?

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Transfer Station Hours: Tues., Wed. & Fri. 11:00 am-6:00 pm, Sat. 8:00 am-4:00 pm (207)685-3144



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